

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
AUGUST 27, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~*Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship*~
(Summer Camp (VBS) Sunday:
Preaching Series: ??Questions of Faith??)

GATHERING MUSIC AND PROCESSIONAL

Music from Summer Camp (VBS) “Ready, Set, Move”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Roxie Davis

Passing and signing the Friendship Pad helps us to know who is here and also to know whom we need to reach out to and say: “We missed you in worship.” Please look around and discover who is missing from worship today. Take some action this week to tell them you missed them. Find out if they are OK. For those of you who are visiting, please give us your contact information so that we can keep you informed about this church’s ministries. To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God rejoices in Your taking time to worship.

PRELUDE

Highland Cathedral

Bicknell

(During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind for God’s presence in worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Jim Fisher

***OPENING WORDS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Jim

Let us look to Jesus.

We want to know Jesus better.

Let us believe who Jesus is.

We want to follow Jesus as God’s Son.

Let us do what Jesus does.

We want to love like Jesus loves.

Let us worship the God who gave us Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Guide My Feet”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Jim

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Jim

Jesus, You take us on this life journey. But sometimes we don't follow You. We get off on different paths. We forget You are our Leader. We think we know a better way. Sorry about all the things we do that are against Your will and Your way. Help us to be equipped to follow You. Help us to do what You do. Help us to share Your love with others.

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Jim

God is with us always.

God calls us to be faithful to Him.

God loves us always.

God forgives us.

God wipes away all the things that we have done wrong.

Thanks be to God that we are God's children and followers of Jesus. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Roxie

SCRIPTURES

Jonathan and Benjamin Nurnberg

Matthew 7: 24-27 (Sermon on the Mount—Building on rock or sand)

Matthew 16: 13-20 (Jesus asks: Who do you say that I am?)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

DIALOGUE SERMON Children Always Have Questions!

Pastor Roxie and Liturgist Jim

***HYMN**

“I’ve God Peace Like a River”

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Jim

Amazing Grace

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above the Heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Liturgist Jim

CHILDREN SHARE THEIR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Roxie

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, Saying, “Let them come to Me.”
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay, close beside me on my way.
He's prepared a home for me, And some day His face I'll see.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

***BENEDICTION (Spoken Together—Hebrews 12:2) Pastor Roxie**
“Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the One who started this journey of faith, and He is the One who completes it.” Let us do what Jesus does. Let us follow where Jesus leads. Amen and Amen.

POSTLUDE Music from Summer Camp (VBS)
“Ready, Set, Move”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FRIENDSHIP: Please sign the Friendship Register. Make sure others around you have a chance to sign it, also. We welcome all of you to the worship God, especially those who are visitors. We welcome you as part of our church family. Please give us your e-mail or phone number so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church. The Friendship Sheets go in the Offering Plates. The sharing of our friendship occurs at the Fellowship Time, following the worship service. *No one sits alone at Fellowship Time.*

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our organist today is Gary Rhody. Our liturgist today is Jim Fisher. The greeter today is Mark Schian. Farewell Celebration Fellowship Time Host is Shelley Kamer. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Shelley and Marshall Kamer in memory of Robert and Jacqueline Pullman.

G.I.F.T./Mountain Movers Teaching Sign Up: For the 2023-2024 program year, the Christian Education Department is looking for volunteers to sign up as a lead teacher or as an assistant for either G.I.F.T. (ages 3-3rd grade) or Mountain Movers (4th-8th grade) Sunday School classes. Please fill out the insert and place it in the offering plate if you are interested, or contact Laura Nurnberg or Jennie Carolan. *Teacher Training:* Anyone interested in teaching or assisting in

the GIFT or Mountain Movers programs, please try to attend our training on Wednesday, August 30th at 4:30 p.m. If you are deciding if this is right for you, please come! Any questions, please contact Laura Nurnberg at 734-642-6883. G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together)/NURSERY: The G.I.F.T. program resumes September 17th. Until then, the G.I.F.T. and Nursery Rooms will be open and available every Sunday with the Worship Service being live streamed. Feel free to bring your child/children to either of these rooms to allow them to play while you watch the service on the TV.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS: Please stop by the G.I.F.T. room and have your children pick up their activity bags on their hooks for use during the service. Activity bags are available for visiting children- they are located in the baskets in the sanctuary. Feel free to take the children's bulletins home each week. There are extra coloring/activity sheets and stickers in the bags to provide for learning during the worship for the children.

THREE JOB OPENINGS: We will soon be interviewing candidates for the two positions that will be vacated by Jim Fisher (Marketing/Media Specialist) and Michelle Fisher (Christian Education Director). We are in an interim status for the Music Director position. If you know of anyone that might want to apply for that position, please give them a job description that you will find on the office counter.

PNC PRAYER TIME: Prayer is critical as Churches and Pastors discern what is in their future. Please pray each day for insight and energy for the PNC: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Add to the MEDIA TEAM. We need 8 people to join the volunteer team to operate the sound/live streaming system on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, talk with Mark Schian, Laura Gaffney or Pastor Roxie. If we have 8 people, you will be at the sound and media board about every 2 months. We are also forming an ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE as a subcommittee to Christian Education Committee to think of creative ways and help to plan Adult Education Classes, which could be held during the week and/or after worship on Sunday.

NAMETAGS: Please don't forget to leave your nametag here in your mailbox so you will have it next Sunday. Nametags help visitors and new members know

who you are. If you do not have a name tag or mailbox, please leave a note for Administrative Assistant Laura at the office desk.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS: Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let the ushers know if you would like one for the service.

PRINTED SERMONS: Pastor Roxie's printed sermons are available on the table near the church office desk.

FUTURE EVENTS

FAREWELL CELEBRATION: **TODAY, August 27th**, we say Good-Bye to Jim Fisher (Media Specialist) and Michelle Fisher (Christian Education Director) as they embark on their country-wide adventure in retirement. There will be a Farewell Celebration of their Ministry, following worship at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Children will also present one of their songs from Summer Camp during the Celebration.

POOL AND PIZZA PARTY: **TODAY, August 27th**, for families from Summer Camp, at Pastor Roxie's house at 4:00 p.m. Please bring your towel and if you want your favorite beach chair. Pizza and Salad will be provided along with lemonade and iced tea. All parents will be watching their own children in the pool.

STITCH AND CHAT: There is a group of women who meet each **Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** to Stitch and Chat. Are you a stitcher or a chatter? Whichever—come! Bring your latest project or just come and chat! Questions? Contact: Peggy Dempsey (810) 300-0429 or Gwen Spiess (308) 325-1317.

ADULT CLASS: "THE CHOSEN" Every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor, there are new people added to this wonderful study group every week. We talk, we watch a segment from the video, "The Chosen," and we listen to each other. This coming Wednesday, we are on Season 3, Lesson 1. If you want the story of Jesus to come alive for you, mark your calendar and come, whenever you can! If you want to go deeper in your faith, a study/reflection book is also made available to you, located in the Parlor.

FOR THE CURIOUS MIND: "THE BACK STORY" **10:00 a.m. on Thursdays:** We are a curious group! We want you to join us! This class will give you the opportunity to see beyond the Scriptures to be preached on the following

Sunday. No previous knowledge of the Scriptures is required. Questions are welcomed.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 3rd is our last Beach Service at 8:00 a.m. at Lighthouse Beach. **Sunday, September 10th** is our Church Worship and Picnic at the Fort Gratiot County Park (please see insert). Everyone is invited!!

**Families with children: Please be advised that our worship service, including the Children's Message, is streamed live online. If you would not like your child's face in view, please instruct your children to sit in the front pew with their back facing the congregation or remain in their seats with you. In the summer we have the Beach Worship Service at Lighthouse Beach at 8:00 a.m., and there is no live streaming at that service.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./8-28:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Deacons Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Wed./8-30:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	G.I.F.T./Mountain Movers Teacher Training	4:30 p.m.
	Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./8-31:	Adult Class: The Back Story	10:00 a.m.

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***OUR MISSION IS KNOW THE
LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH,
AND GO SHARE OUR FAITH IN
JESUS CHRIST.***