

WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON



ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
AUGUST 13, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

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

**PROCESSIONAL**

**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**

**Elegy**

Knight Vernon, 2002

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Dorinne Crowell

**\*OPENING WORDS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Dorinne

In Baptism, God says: "You are my beloved children."

**In Holy Communion, God speaks: You are heirs of My kingdom."**

In Holy Communion, God says: "You are claimed as my followers."

**In Baptism, God speaks: "You are marked by my love, for others to see."**

In Baptism, God says: "You are chosen and blessed."

**In Holy Communion, God speaks "Be strengthened and go forth to be my witnesses." Thanks be to God for God's provision in our lives.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**#92**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Dorinne

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Liturgist Dorinne

**Merciful God, in Baptism and Holy Communion, You promise forgiveness and new life. You allow us to be part of the body of Christ. But we confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome those who are different from ourselves. We allow the past to hold us captive. In Your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Free us from our sin. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins.) Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Dorinne

Through our confession, we experience God's grace.

**God helps us affirm our new life in Baptism,  
when God's forgiveness is granted.**

God grants us mercy in Holy Communion, as we realize God's great love for us in the crucifixion of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God for God's reassurance of love and forgiveness.  
Amen and 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**

**New Testament**

**Acts 2:36-42**

**Ephesians 4:1-6**

Liturgist Dorinne

Pastor Roxie

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Pastor Roxie

**SERMON**      **“Only Two Sacraments--Why?”**      Pastor Roxie

**\*HYMN**      **“Baptized in Water”**      **#492**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**      Liturgist Dorinne  
**Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**      Frederick Maker, 1887

**\*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 Dorinne

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**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**      **“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”**      **#357**

**\*BENEDICTION**      Pastor Roxie

**POSTLUDE**      **A Mighty Fortress is Our God**      Walther

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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 liturgist today is Dorinne Crowell. The greeter today is Mark Schian. Coffee Hour Host is Judy McLean, Lavetta Campbell, and Dorinne Crowell. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Jane Penzien in memory of Susan Fasang Nelson.

TODAY- KNIGHT VERNON'S LAST SUNDAY AS OUR ORGANIST: It is our loss and Knight's gain. Since Knight is in his late 80's, he has decided to really retire! At the end of the worship today, he will be standing at the Pulpit Sanctuary door with Pastor Roxie, for you to have a chance to say "Goodbye." Our own Gary Rhody will be the substitute organist till the end of August.

TODAY- OPEN HOUSE: Following worship we will be hosting an open house revealing the two new redecorated Christian Education rooms. Please join us for fellowship time in both rooms.

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 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) or for Mountain Movers (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Sunday school classes. Please fill out the insert and place it in the offering plate if you are interested, or contact Michelle Fisher

G.I.F.T. (Grow In Faith Together)/NURSERY: The G.I.F.T. program resumes September 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 have THREE job openings now—all paid positions: Organist/Choir Director, Christian Education Director and Marketing/Social Media Specialist, all starting in September. We want to have the new people overlap with Michelle (C.E. Director) and Jim (Marketing Specialist) in August, if possible. We have the job descriptions for all three positions on the office counter. Please pick one up if you know of someone who would be interested in these positions.

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.

NAME-TAGS: 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 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**

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 2, Lesson 8. 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.

**READY, SET, MOVE! SUMMER CAMP:** We will have our Summer Camp (Vacation Bible School) from **Monday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00-7:30 p.m. If you signed up as a volunteer, there is a meeting on **August 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** If you have any questions, please contact Laura Nurnberg or Michelle Fisher.

**END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION:** On **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** bring your chair and attend this Church/Community-wide event! Invite your family and friends! There will be popcorn, games, and (starting at dusk) the showing of an outdoor movie on the big screen.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** On **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>,** we say Good-Bye to Jim (Media Specialist) and Michelle (Christian Education Director) Fisher as they embark on their country-wide adventure. There will be a Farewell Celebration of their Ministry, following the worship at 11:15 a.m.

During worship, the children will present some of what they learned in Summer Camp (VBS) and on that Sunday, for families, there will be a Children's Pizza and Swim Party at Pastor Roxie's house, at 4:00 p.m.

**PER-CAPITA:** If you have not yet given towards the per-capita, please consider giving.

**WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC:** On **September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** there will be an outdoor worship service followed by a potluck picnic and games at Fort Gratiot Country Park on Metcalf Rd. The Membership and Outreach Committee will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments, beverages, and tableware. Those attending can bring salads and desserts to share as well as lawn chairs (if you are looking for a more comfortable seat than a wooden picnic table bench!). Pastor Roxie will be in North Carolina for a Pilgrimage conference, and Steve Ahlquist will be preaching on that day.

***\*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 worship service.***

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sun./8-13:	Open House for Christian Education Wing	11:15 a.m.
Mon./8-14:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Session	7:00 p.m.
Tues./8-15:	Summer Camp (VBS) Volunteer Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Wed./8-16:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./8-17:	Adult Class: The Back Story	10:00 a.m.

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Nursery Assistant: Amy Block

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