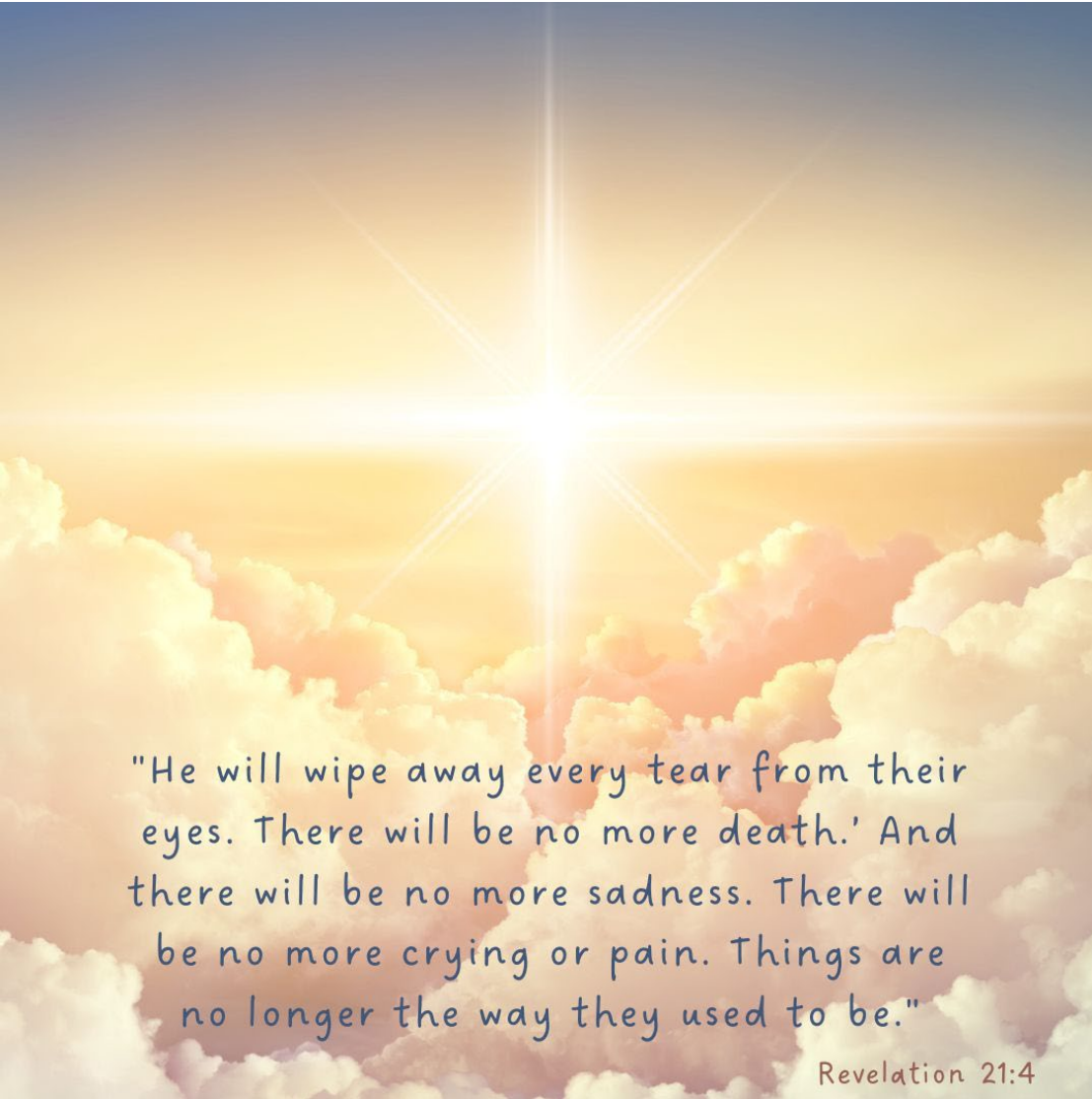


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death.' And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."

Revelation 21:4

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
AUGUST 20, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

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

GATHERING MUSIC

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

Melody

Gluck

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Sid LaFrance

***OPENING WORDS: (Responsively)**

Liturgist Sid

(Adapted from Revelation 21:1-4)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth,

And I saw the Holy City, coming down out of heaven from God.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold the dwelling place of God is with humans.”

God will dwell with them, and they will be God’s people.

God Himself will be with them as their God.

All: God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

***OPENING HYMN** **“To God Be the Glory”** **#485**

CALL TO CONFESSION Liturgist Sid

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Liturgist Sid

Good and Gracious God, we do not want to face all that is in our hearts. We try to focus on the good that we try to do. We avoid the bad; the ugliness of our meanness, our damaging words, our envy, our greed. Before You, we must face who we are—both good and not so good. Forgive all the ways that we have not been an example of Your love. Help us to live life Your way!
(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Liturgist Sid

We have been disobedient to God.
But we have received God’s mercy.
We have confessed our sins and asked God for help.
May we live our lives as those who are transformed by God’s grace, forgiveness, and eternal love. Thanks be to God. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC **“It is Well with My Soul”** Sid LaFrance and Gary Rhody

SCRIPTURES Excerpts from 2 Corinthians 4 and 5
Phillips Translation Liturgist Sid and Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Pastor Roxie

SERMON Questions about Heaven Pastor Roxie

***HYMN** “Near to the Heart of God” #527

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Liturgist Sid
Ave Verum Mozart

***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 Sid

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** “For All the Saints” (Verses 1-4) #526

***BENEDICTION (Excerpts from Romans 8—in unison)** Pastor Roxie
“We have become absolutely convinced that neither death nor life,
...neither what may happen today nor what may happen tomorrow... nor
anything else in God’s whole creation has any power to separate us from
the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!” Amen and Amen.

POSTLUDE

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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! The organist is Gary Rhody. Our liturgist today is Sid LaFrance. The greeter today is Mark Schian. Coffee Hour Hosts for ice cream sundaes are Joan, Helen, Alex, and Betty Vandawaker and Reta Zochowski. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Jim and Jane McCandless in in memory of Fred MacEachron.

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 Michelle Fisher.

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 have THREE job openings now—all paid positions: Organist/Choir Director, Christian Education Director and Marketing/Social Media Specialist, all starting in September. 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.

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.

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

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": There will be NO "The Chosen" class this week, Wednesday August 23rd, due to Summer Camp (VBS).

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: Our Summer Camp (Vacation Bible School) is this week for children ages 4-12 years! **Monday, August 21st to Thursday, August 24th** with dinner at 5:00-5:30 p.m. and the program at 5:30-7:30 p.m. each night. The Christian Education Committee continues to look for volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Nurnberg.

END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION: On **Friday, August 25th 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 27th**, we say Good-Bye to Jim Fisher (Media Specialist) and Michelle Fisher (Christian Education Director) 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. in the Fellowship Hall. During worship on **Sunday, August 27th**, the children will present some of what they learned in Summer Camp (VBS) and on **Sunday, August 27th**, for families, there will be a Children's Pizza and Swim Party at Pastor Roxie's house at 4:00 p.m.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Add to the *MEDIA TEAM*. We need 8 people to join the team to operate the sound/light system on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, talk with Jim Fisher or Pastor Roxie. *ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE* as a sub committee to Christian Education 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.

***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:

Mon./8-21:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Deacons Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	"Ready, Set, Move!" Summer Camp (VBS)	5:00 p.m.
Tues./8-22:	Worship and Music Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Mission Committee Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	"Ready, Set, Move!" Summer Camp (VBS)	5:00 p.m.
Wed./8-23:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	"Ready, Set, Move!" Summer Camp (VBS)	5:00 p.m.
	NO Adult Class: The Chosen	
Thurs./8-24:	Adult Class: The Back Story	10:00 a.m.
	"Ready, Set, Move!" Summer Camp (VBS)	5:00 p.m.
Fri./8-25:	End of Summer Celebration	7:30 p.m.
Sun./8-27:	Children Present on Summer Camp during Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Farewell Celebration for Jim and Michelle Fisher	11:15 a.m.
	Children's Pizza and Swim Party, Davis Home	4:00 p.m.

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Nursery Assistant: Amy Block

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