

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON

Labor for the Lord



No matter what job you have

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(Laboring for the Lord)

GATHERING MUSIC AND PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Roxie Davis

Passing 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 take a moment to sign-in and if you see that there is someone missing who usually sits close to you, take the time to call them this week and make sure everything is ok. For those of you who are visiting, please give us your contact information so that we can keep you informed about the ministries of this particular church family. To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God is glad you have chosen to worship this morning.

PRELUDE

Melody

Gluch

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Joan Vandawaker

***OPENING WORDS (Psalm 90: 16-17 Responsively)**

Liturgist Joan

Let God's work be shown in us, His servants.

Let God's glorious power be shown in His children.

May the favor of the Lord, our God be upon us.

May the Lord prosper the labor of our hands.

We come to worship the One who can prosper our work.

Thanks be to God who calls us to labor in His name.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Joan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Joan

O Lord, You call us to labor in Your name. But sometimes we lament that it is too hard—too uncomfortable. Forgive us when we shy away from laboring for You, as we work in this secular world. Forgive us when we miss opportunities to show Your love and Your forgiveness. Forgive us when we put ourselves first, rather than laboring for the benefit of others. Lord, have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow in the ways of Your peace. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Joan

Listen with your ears; See with your eyes:

Our God is a loving and forgiving God.

God is worthy of our praise and thanks.

It is through the body and blood of Christ, that we know, for certain, we are loved and we are forgiven all of our sins.

Thanks be to God.

***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

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 1: 3-7, 13-14

Pastor Roxie

Epistle Reading Colossians 3: 12-17

Liturgist Joan

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

“Laboring for the Lord”

Pastor Roxie

*HYMN

“Take My Life” (Verses 1-4)

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Roxie

- The Invitation
- The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving responsively.
The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- (Prayer of Thanksgiving...)
And so, we lift our voices in joyful praise with the choirs of angels who forever sing to the glory of Your name:
- **(Sung #138) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**
- Communion
 - Sharing of Bread
 - Sharing of the Cup
- Prayers of the People after Communion Together
Loving God, You have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring Your grace and peace to those around us.
And now we pray silently for those who are on our hearts today, especially those who need Your comfort, Your forgiveness, and Your peace. (silence) We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray the Lord’s Prayer.

THE SINGING OF THE 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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Ave Verum

Liturgist Joan
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 Joan

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Insert

***BENEDICTION (In Unison)**

Pastor Roxie

So let us remember to pack peace in our toolbox, hope in our briefcase, love in our lunchbox, and may integrity, honesty, and joy be the clothes we wear. Amen.

POSTLUDE

March in C

Weber

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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 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. You are all invited to Fellowship Time following worship. *No one sits alone at Fellowship Time.* **THANK YOU** for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Joan Vandawaker. The greeter today is Shelley Kamer. Fellowship Time Host are the Deacons.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES: Please join us to celebrate those who have a September birthday and/or anniversary during Fellowship Time!

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. If you are interested please contact Laura Nurnberg or Jennie Carolan.

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 Marketing/Media Specialist and Christian Education Director positions. 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 located 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.

NAME TAGS: Please don't forget to leave your name tag here in your mailbox so you will have it next Sunday. Name tags 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": Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. This coming Wednesday, we are on Season 3, Lesson 2. If you want the story of Jesus to come alive for you, mark your calendar and join us!

ADULT CLASS “The Back Story”: There will be No “The Back Story” Adult Classes this week since Pastor Roxie is attending a National Meeting in North Carolina for the ministry of Pilgrimage Renewal Weekends.

ANNUAL CHURCH WORSHIP and PICNIC: Everyone is invited to the annual Church Worship and Picnic on **Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Fort Gratiot County Park (please see insert). Steve Ahlquist will be the lay preacher since Pastor Roxie is attending a National Meeting in North Carolina for the ministry of Pilgrimage Renewal Weekends.

SARAH CIRCLE: The women’s monthly Bible study re-begins on **Wednesday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m.** If you are a woman who enjoys spirited discussions and lively conversations with friends, as well as some sweet treats, please join us in the church Parlor on the second Wednesday of each month. This year we will be studying "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke and Acts." Cost of the study book is \$11.20. For more information talk to Judith McLean.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Come glorify God during worship with a string trio on **September 17th**. The Muzzarelli’s are local musicians with extensive experience.

ADULT CLASS “One Dunk”: On **Sunday, September 17th**, Pastor Roxie will do just *one class* on a book from the Bible, from 11:15-12:15 a.m., following worship. It will be a splash into an Old Testament Book that has a lot to say about Life, Death, and Purpose: The Book of Ecclesiastes (12 chapters long—you might want to read it before you come, but that is not a necessity). Mark your calendar for this dip into the waters of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

STEWARDSHIP: This year, the Stewardship Campaign will be earlier than usual. We will look at how we are doing with our personal and church-wide “Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure” on **September 17th, 24th, and October 1st**. There will be a Stewardship Dinner following worship on **October 1st**, and we will bring our pledge cards to dedicate on **October 8th**.

LADIES DAY TEA: Looking for something that is fun, easy, and guaranteed to bring you year-round smiles? Then please come for an afternoon tea at **1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23rd**, in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the office counter if you are interested in attending the event. Contact Judith McLean if you have any questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./9-4:	Office Closed- Labor Day	
Tues./9-5:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Properties Committee	3:00 p.m.
Wed./9-6:	Adult Class: "The Chosen"	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./9-7:	No Adult Class: "The Back Story"	
	Finance Committee Meeting	11:15 a.m.
Sun./9-10:	Annual Church Worship and Picnic	10:00 a.m.

**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.*

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

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