

WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON



**"Give and it will come back to  
you; Good measure; pressed  
down; shaken together; running  
over, into your lap; for the  
measure you give will be the  
measure you get back."**

*Luke 6:38*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 1, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
(Preaching Series: A Healthy Lifestyle)

**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**

Schubert

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Judith McLean

**\*OPENING WORDS John 3:16-17 (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

**So that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

**But that the world might be saved through Him."**

Let us worship the God who gives us blessing upon blessing.

**Let us worship the God who gives us His only begotten Son.**

**Thanks be to God for His teaching and His forgiveness on the cross.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"To God Be the Glory"**

**#495**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Judith

Gracious God, we confess to You that we haven't always wanted to be like You. We sometimes resist Your bold "giving." We sometimes get trapped in our own selfish ambitions; our own wealth; our own comfortable lifestyle. You shake us up with your generosity; calling us to be generous. But we resist. Help us to respond boldly to Your graciousness. Help us to recognize how much You have given us, day in, and day out. Help us to appreciate the overwhelming gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

Listen with your ears; See with your eyes:

Our God is a loving and forgiving God.

**God is the Giver of Life.**

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.**

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:37-38

Pastor Roxie

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Liturgist Judith

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

## SERMON

“Out-Giving God”

Pastor Roxie

## THE OFFERING OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS

### \*HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be” (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**

**Air in F**

Liturgist Judith  
Handel

### **\*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 Judith

### **\*CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth;  
the peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father;

brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment;  
and live each moment  
In peace eternally;  
let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

**\*BENEDICTION (In Unison)**

Pastor Roxie

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**POSTLUDE**

**A Festal Fanfare**

Bach

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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.*

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024: Please come and enjoy a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall, **TODAY**, following the worship service. No reservation necessary. There will be information on the programs and mission of your church. **Next Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**, will be the dedication of all our commitment cards. If you will not be able to attend, please drop your commitment card off at the church office or mail it. Thank you for continuing to be the hands and feet of Christ by supporting our programs, our building, the staff and our mission.

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.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Judith McLean. Our organist today is Gary Rhody. The greeter today is Judith McLean. The communion servers are Dorinne Crowell, Shelley Kamer, Gail MacBeth and Anne Wilton. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Fred Roberts and Jackie in memory of Grace Roberts.

Mountain Movers (4<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade): *Reminder:* students of Mountain Movers will remain in worship **TODAY**. There is a worksheet for them to pay attention to what is happening in worship. The children are encouraged to leave their worksheets for Pastor Roxie to see and then later discuss.

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 basket on the front pew. The children's bulletins are located on the front pew. Feel free to take the children's bulletins home each week.

G.I.F.T. (age 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade): Please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends following the Children's Message.

NURSERY: The Nursery Room are open and available with Nursery Attendant Elly Block, 9:30-11:30 a.m. She would love to care for your little one while you enjoy the service!

DONATIONS: The Deacons are collecting the following supplies for the local schools: Clorox wipes, Kleenex tissues, Cereal snacks, Girls leggings sizes 5-10, Boys winter coats. Donations may be placed in the bins in the entryway.

TWO JOB OPENINGS: We continue to have TWO job openings—both paid positions: Organist/Choir Director and Christian Education Director. Please pick up the job descriptions for these positions on the office counter if you know someone who would be interested in applying.

MEDIA TEAM: We need 4 more 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 Paige Cronce. If we have 8 people, you will help run sound and media board, with a partner, about every 2 months.

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: A group of women 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 6. If you want the story of Jesus to come alive for you, 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.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Roxie will be leading a class for children who would like to learn about Holy Communion. Classes will be held from **11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>, November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Any child can be in the class. It is the decision of the parents, as to whether they allow their children to the Table, after the class is complete, before the class (they already have an understanding of communion), or the parents decide that the child will wait until they are confirmed. More information about Confirmation Class for our older children will be forthcoming. If this does not work for your family, please let Pastor Roxie know.

W.I.N. (WONDERFUL INTRODCUTION FOR NEWCOMERS) CLASS: If you are interested in knowing more about the Presbyterian Church or would like to join the church, please come to the W.I.N. class. If you know of someone who is not a member and wants to be a member this is a great opportunity.

The W.I.N. class will happen **next Sunday, October 8th, following worship at 11:15 a.m.** in the Parlor. Anyone desiring to join the church will be able to talk with the Elders on **Monday, October 9th during the Session meeting at 7:00 p.m.** We will recognize new members during worship on **November 12, 2023**, the day of the Election Congregational Meeting.

CHILI COOK-OFF AND BAKE SALE: This annual event returns on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> after worship.** Please sign up for the bake sale at the office counter. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy fellowship, good food and laughter. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Schian or Judith McLean.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./10-2: Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Tues./10-3: Properties Committee	3:00 p.m.
Membership and Outreach Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wed./10-4: Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./10-5: Adult Class: The Back Story	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 sit with your child in the Parlor where the service is played on the TV.*

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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.***