


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



**“for everything there is
a season, and a time for
every matter under
heaven...”**

Ecclesiastes 3:1

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

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

GATHERING MUSIC AND PROCESSIONAL

Pianist, Elizabeth Roe

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

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

Air (J.S. Bach)

Music from The Muzzarelli String Trio

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Barry Meier

OPENING WORDS Psalm 150 (Responsively)

Liturgist Barry

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise God in His mighty heavens.

Praise God for His acts of power;

Praise God for His surpassing greatness.

Praise God with the sounding of the trumpet,

Praise God with the harp and lyre,

***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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Music from The Muzzarelli String Trio

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Roxie

SCRIPTURES

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 (Responsively)

Liturgist Barry

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Gospel of Mark 14: 3-9

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

“Music, Money and Moments”

Pastor Roxie

***SONG**

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for You.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Barry

Salut d’Amour (Edward Elgar) Music from The Muzzarelli String Trio

***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 Barry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Roxie

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.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (Verses 1-4)

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***BENEDICTION (In Unison)**

Pastor Roxie

Let us go forth from here, being mindful of living a healthy lifestyle so we will be active, faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

POSTLUDE

Pianist, Elizabeth Roe

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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: The stewardship letters and pledge cards will soon arrive at your home. Please prayerfully consider how you can help our church continue to be the hands and feet of Christ by supporting our programs, building and staff with your generous pledge. Mark your calendar for a luncheon on October 1st, with Dedication Sunday to follow on October 8th.

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 Barry Meier. Our pianist today is Elizabeth Roe. The greeters today are Steve Ahlquist and Dorinne Crowell. Coffee Hour Host during Fellowship Time is Reta Zochowski. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Reta Zochowski in memory of Philip Zochowski.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: G.I.F.T. (ages 4-3rd grade) and Mountain Movers (4th-8th grade) lesson “Caleb trusts God will help”. 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 Elizabeth Block, 9:30-11:30 a.m. She would love to care for your little one while you enjoy the service!

MEMORIAL FOR ANN VINCENT: It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Ann Vincent, a beloved friend and church member, on September 10, 2023. In memory of Ann, a white rose has been placed on the communion table. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. A memorial has been set up in Ann’s name.

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.

NEW MARKETING/MEDIA POSITION: Welcome Laura Gaffney and Paige Cronce as our New Marketing/Media Coordinators. If you have any ideas, questions or suggestions, please don’t hesitate to talk to Laura Gaffney, Administrative Assistant or Paige Cronce, Church Member.

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 Pastor Roxie. If we have

8 people, you will help run sound and media board, with a partner, about every 2 months.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE: This will be 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. We will have our first meeting on **September 25th at 3:00 p.m.**, anyone is welcome to join if you are interested.

THANK YOU!: Dearest First Presbyterian Church Family, Jim and I feel BEYOND Blessed to have been a part of all of your lives. Your generosity, kindness, and outpouring of love over the last few years have been such a huge blessing. God accomplished many wonderful things due to your teamwork, support, and prayers! The “sending off” you gave us was something we have never experienced in our lives. To have the children lay their hands on us while Pastor Roxie prayed for us was an unforgettable moment. Thank you to Joan Vandawaker who took the picture and sent it to us. We will remember it always and will be praying for all of you as we journey across the great United States of America! With much gratitude and love, Jim and Michelle Fisher

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

ADULT CLASS “One Dunk”: **TODAY**, join us as 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.

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 4. 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.

ALMA COLLEGE CHAPEL DEDICATION: During Alma College Homecoming, on **Saturday, September 30th at 9:30 a.m.** President Jeff Abernathy and the Board of Trustees invite you to join them for the dedication of the *Thomas Andison Chapel*. Please sign up by **Wednesday, September 20th** at the office desk if you are interested in joining us at this event so we can RSVP.

LADIES DAY TEA: Enjoy a good mystery? Or are you clueless when it comes to whodunnits? It really doesn't matter because all will be revealed at **1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 23rd** when the *ladies* are invited to join me for tea in the Fellowship Hall. Just leave your Jane Hancock on the sign-up sheet in the church office. Sorry guys, this is for women only!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Before the PNC Questions/Answer Session there will be a special congregational meeting on **September 24, 2023** immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.

PNC QUESTIONS/ANSWERS SESSION: Following worship next **Sunday, September 24th**, the PNC would like you to join them after the Special Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary for a brief progress report along with a questions and answer session on where we have been and where we are going.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sun./9-17:	Adult Class: "One Dunk Class"	11:15 a.m.
Mon./9-18:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Worship and Music Committee	10:00 a.m.
	Deacons Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Tues./9-19:	Mission Committee	11:30 a.m.
Wed./9-20:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./9-21:	Adult Class: The Back Story	10:00 a.m.
Sat./9-23:	Ladies Day Tea	1:00 p.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.*

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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.***