

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON

MOVE



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 24, 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

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)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Judith McLean

OPENING WORDS Various Scripture (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

Laughter and joy is a part of our worship and part of a healthy lifestyle:

Psalm 2:4

The One who rules in heaven laughs.

Psalm 30:11

You, O God, have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.

Job 8:21

God will once again fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouts of joy.

Proverbs 15:13

A glad heart makes a happy face; a broken heart crushes the spirit.

Psalm 128:2

We are filled with laughter, and we sing for joy. Others around us say:

"What amazing things the Lord has done for them."

Let us worship the God of joy and laughter.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Judith

Lord, we have not always been mindful of “being healthy” so that You can use us for Your purposes. We have allowed our bodies, minds and souls to be distracted by the pleasures of this world. We have not been mindful of the joy You bring when we strive to be healthy. Make us open to Your encouragement to be faithful to You. Help us to do Your loving work with energy and enthusiasm, with our whole self, working for Your glory and for the benefit of others. (Let us take a moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

People of God, hear and believe:

The grace of God is boundless, poured out freely for all of us.

We joyfully receive this gift of God’s forgiveness.

Through His love, we trust God to transform our lives, day by day.

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

SCRIPTURE

New Testament 1 Corinthians 9: 6-8

Liturgist Judith

New Testament 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

“Move—Ready, Set”

Pastor Roxie

***SONG**

“Our God”

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Judith

*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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE-JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

"I Danced in the Morning"

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*BENEDICTION (Spoken Together)

Various Paraphrased Verses, Malachi 3 Pastor Roxie

"Bring your tithes and offerings to the Lord. Put God to the test. See if the Lord will not open the windows of heaven and pour down overflowing blessings."

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.*

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024: This week you received a commitment card and letter in the mail. We ask that you prayerfully consider what the church and its ministry means to you when filling out your 2024 commitment card. Next **Sunday, October 1st**, there will be a catered **luncheon** following the church service. We are planning for 80-90 people. Please join us to find out how your financial commitment helps support the programs/mission of our church. On October 1st, the Elders and Deacons will bring their commitment cards, and everyone else on **October 8th** when all our financial commitments will be blessed and celebrated.

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 pianist today is Elizabeth Roe. The greeter today is Shelley Kamer. Coffee Hour Host during Fellowship Time is Jerrydeanna Pretty and Robin Ferguson. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Betty and Judith McLean in memory of James McLean Jr.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: G.I.F.T. (age 4-3rd grade) and Mountain Movers (4th-8th 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 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.

MEMORIAL FUND FOR ANN VINCENT: Please continue to keep the family and friends of Ann Vincent in your prayers. A Memorial Fund has been set up in Ann's name.

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.

IN MEMORY: Our condolences to Valerie and Fred Tocco, former members of FPC, on the passing of their son, David Tocco, on September 14, 2023 in Cleveland, OH. To those who would like to share their respects, their address is 6885 D. Stratford Circle, Mentor, OH 44060.

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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Before the PNC Questions/Answer Session there will be a short special congregational meeting **TODAY** immediately following worship in the Sanctuary. The purpose is to dispense with a portion of the Bylaws for the Election Meeting and schedule it for November 12, and to elect Elder Barbara Wright to the Nominating Committee to complete that committee.

PNC QUESTIONS/ANSWERS SESSION: 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.

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 5. 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: On **Saturday, September 30th at 9:30 a.m.** is the dedication of the *Thomas Andison Chapel at Alma College*. We have several people going. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Roxie will be leading a class for children who would like to learn about Holy Communion. It will be at **9:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 1st**. 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, please come to the W.I.N. class. Or 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 on **Sunday, October 8th, following worship at 11:15 a.m.** 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.**

CHILI COOK-OFF AND BAKE SALE: This annual event is returning on **Sunday, October 18th 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:

Sun./9-24:	Special Congregational Meeting	11:15 a.m.
	PNC Question/Answer Session	11:30 a.m.
Mon./9-25:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Christian Education Committee	3:00 p.m.
	Christian Education Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Wed./9-27:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: The Chosen	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./9-28:	Adult Class: The Back Story	10:00 a.m.
Sat./9-30:	Alma College Chapel Dedication	9:30 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 you child in the Parlor where it 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.***