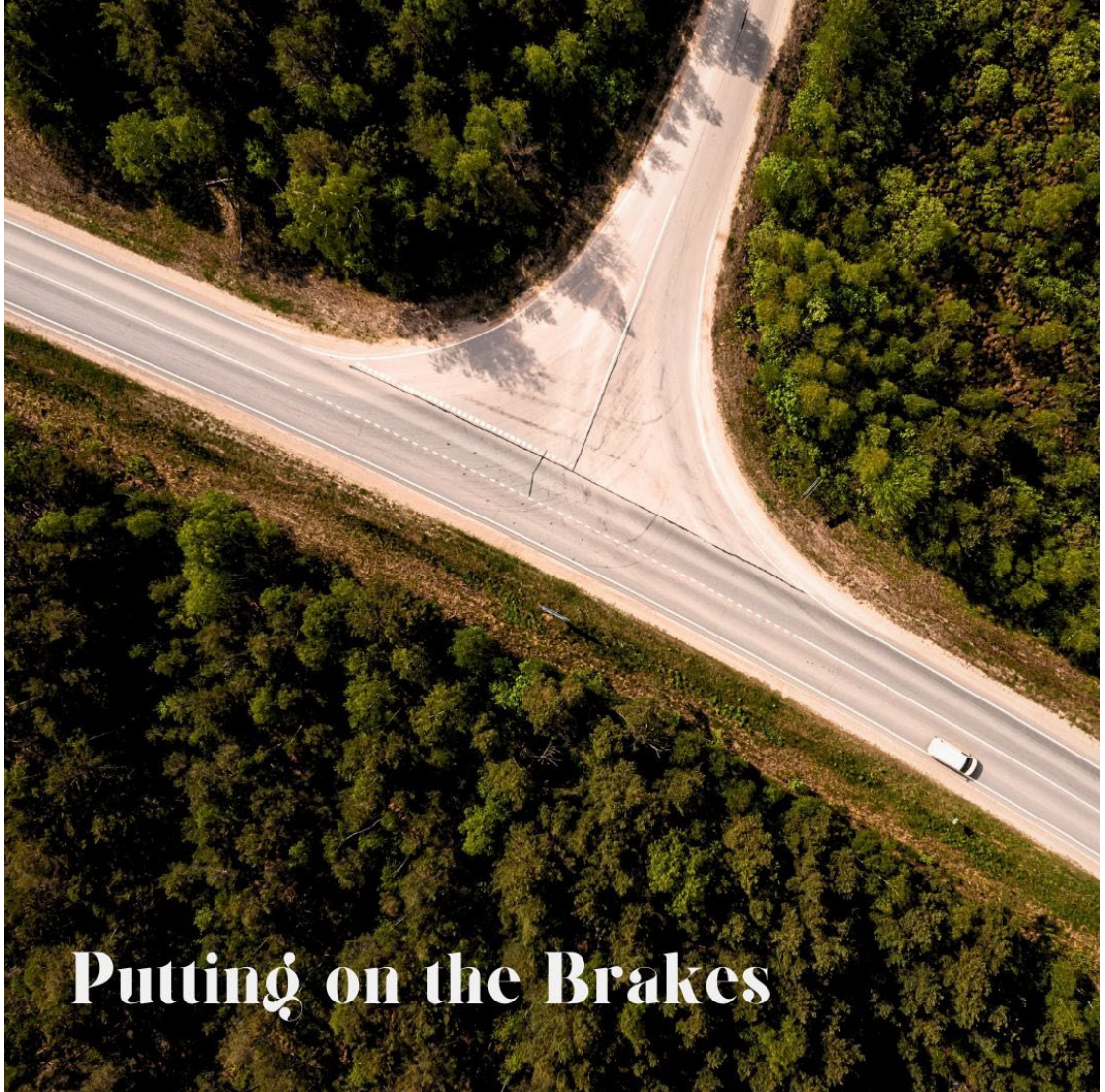


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



Putting on the Brakes

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 15, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
LAY PREACHER JUDITH MCLEAN

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(Sermon by Lay Preacher Judith McLean)

GATHERING MUSIC AND PROCESSIONAL

Elizabeth Roe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Preacher Judith McLean

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 Dorinne Crowell

OPENING WORDS (In Unison)

Gospel Reading Matthew 11: 28-30

Liturgist Dorinne

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

***OPENING HYMN**

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Dorinne

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Dorinne

God of our life and each life, You know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are so consumed by our efforts to keep up with a world that is forever changing until we forget that even You rested on the Seventh Day. We confess we are often so anxious to see results, we cut corners and push others aside. We lose patience and we cannot see progress and we are quick to blame others, rather than seek solutions. We are so caught up on our own hamster wheels, that we forget to breath and accept our own limitations. Please forgive us. Help us claim Your peace. Free us from our self-imposed bondage and give us the wisdom and courage to accept Your gracious invitation.

(Let us take a moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Liturgist Dorinne

***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

Lay Preacher Judith

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Genesis 2: 2-3

Liturgist Dorinne

New Testament Luke 13:10-17

Lay Preacher Judith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lay Preacher Judith

SERMON "Self Care: Putting on the Brakes"

Lay Preacher Judith

***HYMN**

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Dorinne

***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 Dorinne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE-JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lay Preacher Judith

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 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**

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***BENEDICTION (In Unison)**

Lay Preacher Judith

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

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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! Our liturgist today is Dorinne Crowell. Our pianist today is Elizabeth Roe. The greeter today is Sid LaFrance. Coffee Hour Hosts are Jane Penzien and Janet Brown. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Jane Penzien in memory of her father, Laurence Nelson.

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.

MEMORIAL FOR MARY LOU MOEN: Friend and church member, Mary Lou Moen passed away on October 1, 2023. A Memorial Service will be held **Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.** here at the church. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. and lunch will follow the service at Pompeii's Pizzeria and Italina Eatery. Pastor Ann Harrington, Associate Pastor at Colonial Woods, will be officiating since Pastor Roxie will be away. Please keep the family and friends of Mary Lou in your prayers. A Memorial Fund has been set up in Mary Lou's name.

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 3-3rd grade) and MOUNTAIN MOVERS (4th grade-8th grade): Please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends following the Children's Message.

NURSERY: The Nursery Room is 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 Cronic. If we have 8 people, you will help run sound and media board, with a partner, about once a month.

OFFERTORY USHER TEAMS: There is an insert in the bulletin. Please fill it out if you can be an offertory usher, as often as you would like. We are putting together a schedule of Offertory Usher Teams.

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.

CHURCH ALBUMS: For those of you who ordered a Church Album and have not picked one up yet, they are available on the office counter. Please mark off that you have picked yours up at that time.

FUTURE EVENTS

CHILI COOK-OFF AND BAKE SALE: This annual outdoor event is **TODAY, Sunday, October 15th following worship!** All are welcome to join us outside in the courtyard (in case of rain, it will be in the Fellowship Hall) to enjoy fellowship, good food and laughter.

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”: **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 8. If you want the story of Jesus to come alive for you, come! If you want to go deeper in your faith, a study/reflection book is also made available to you, located in the Parlor.

NO ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: There will be **“The Backstory” this upcoming week** due to Pastor Roxie traveling to see her family out of the country.

MOUNTAIN MOVERS EVENT: Join us for our first *FUN FRIDAY* on **Friday, October 20th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** for pizza, games, and video games! Bring your friends! (This is for children in 4th - 8th grade.)

PINK & PEARLS, CANCER AWARENESS LUNCHEON OF HOPE: The fundraising event on **Saturday, October 21st from 12-3:00 p.m.** will have words of encouragement, fellowship, raffle tickets/prizes and all proceeds will go to the Awareness Ministry to assist any person experiencing needs in their journey to battle cancer. Pastor Roxie is sponsoring a table, up to 8 seats, for this event. If you would like to attend, please talk to Anne Wilton or Reta Zochowski.

KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTANS: The 37th Annual Kirkin’ O’ The Tartans will be on **Sunday, October 29th, at 10:00 a.m.** Please see the insert for more information about this annual event. All are welcome, invite your friends and family to attend. This is a wonderful way to honor our Presbyterian Scottish Heritage.

**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.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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| Sun./10-15: | Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale | 11:15 a.m. |
| Mon./10-16: | Financial Counters | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Deacons Meeting | 4:00 p.m. |
| Tues./10-17: | Mission Meeting | 11:30 a.m. |
| Wed./10-18: | Stitch and Chat | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Adult Class: The Chosen | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thurs./10-19: | NO Adult Class: The Backstory | |
| Fri./10-20: | Mountain Movers Fun Friday | 5:30 p.m. |
| Sat./10-21: | Memorial Service for Mary Lou Moen with luncheon following at Pompeii's Pink and Pearls; Cancer Awareness Luncheon of Hope | 11:00 a.m. 12-3:00 p.m. |

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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.