

WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 22, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
LAY PREACHER DICK SMALLDON

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

**GATHERING MUSIC AND PROCESSIONAL**

Elizabeth Roe

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liturgist Joan Vandawaker

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 Joan

**OPENING WORDS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Joan

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters.

**God refreshes our souls.**

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.

**Christ shows us the way we should go.**

God’s mercy and grace is always with us.

**Let us worship and praise the One who lovingly leads us throughout our lives.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“This Is My Father’s World”**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Joan

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Joan

Lord God of the Universe, You sent Your Son into the world. He chose us to be His disciples in this time and place. But often we do not choose Him, in the actions and words of our daily lives. Jesus wants to lead us, as our Good Shepherd. But we wander away, like lost sheep. We choose to worship other idols in this modern day. We cling to our money. We prop ourselves with pride. We criticize and judge others, who have different opinions from ours. Forgive us for our mis-steps. Help us to choose to follow the leading and nudging of a Shepherd who loves us dearly. (Let us take a moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Joan

The Good News remains true.

**God has chosen to forgive us, in Jesus Christ.**

God walks beside us.

**God helps us on life's journey.**

Through God's love and forgiveness,

**Our Shepherd leads us.**

**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

Lay Preacher Dick Smalldon

### SCRIPTURE

**Old Testament Psalter Reading Psalm 23 (Responsively)** Lay Preacher Dick

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures:**

**He leads me beside the still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul:**

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil:**

**You are with me; Your rod and Your staff. They comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:**

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**

**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**New Testament Gospel Reading John 10: 11-18**

Liturgist Joan

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Lay Preacher Dick

**SERMON "I'll Be Alright"**

Lay Preacher Dick

**\*HYMN**

**"Take My Life" (Verses 1-4)**

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**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Liturgist Joan

**\*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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE-JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Lay Preacher Dick



flowers are provided by David and Barbara Wright in honor of their 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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.

NURSERY: The Nursery Room is open and available (0-3 years) 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!

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 basket on the front pew along with the children's bulletins. Feel free to take the children's bulletins home each week.

G.I.F.T. (age 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) AND MOUNTAIN MOVERS (4<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade): Please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends following the Children's Message.

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.

OFFERTORY USHER TEAMS: Please fill out the insert to volunteer to be an offertory usher. We are developing a schedule which will begin on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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 Crouce. If we have 8 people, you will help run sound and media board, with a partner, about once a month.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

STITCH AND CHAT: This 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 BACKSTORY": **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.

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

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Roxie will be leading a class for children who would like to learn about Holy Communion at **11:30 a.m. on November 5th, November 19th and 26th.** It will last 30 minutes. In the

Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. the parents/grandparents decide when the children understand the sacrament and are ready to partake in communion. If this does not work for your family, please let Pastor Roxie know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./10-23:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Wed./10-25:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
Thurs./10-26:	Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 a.m.
Sun./10-29:	Kirkin' O' The Tartans	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.***