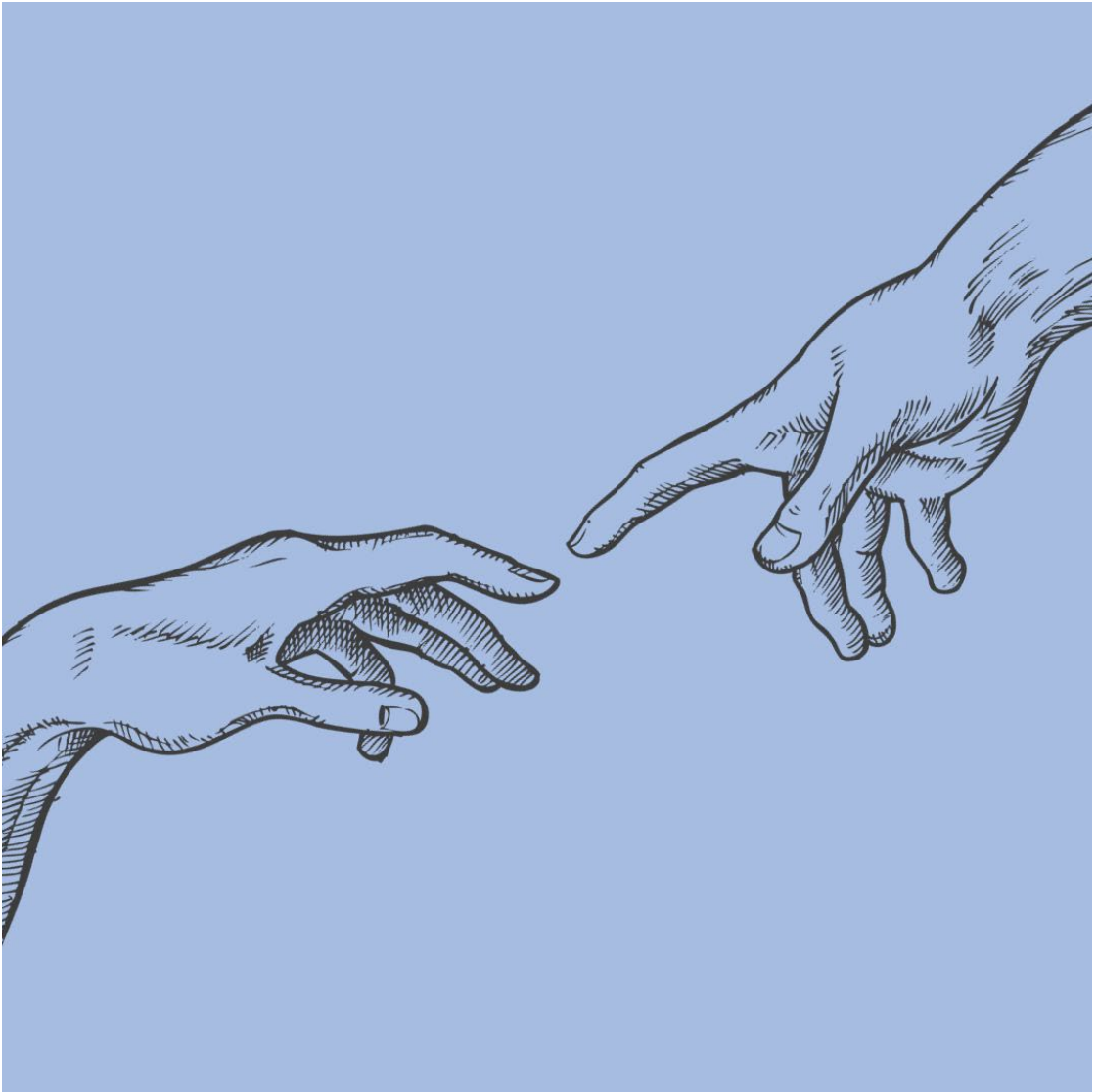


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 19, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(Preaching Series: "Savoring the Moment")

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 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 you taking time to worship.

PRELUDE

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

Largo from Xerxes (G. F. Handel)

The School for Strings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Liz Lozen

OPENING WORDS (Responsively) (Psalm 150: 1-5)

Liturgist Liz

Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary.

Praise God in the mighty heavens.

Praise God for His acts of power.

Praise God for His surpassing greatness.

Praise God with the sound of trumpets;

Praise God with the harp and lyre.

Praise God with timbrel and dancing;

Praise God with the strings and pipe.

Praise God with the clash of cymbals.

Praise God with resounding cymbals.

***OPENING HYMN**

“This Is My Father’s World”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Liz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Liz

Lord God, you invite us to share with You in the goodness of Your actions. You invite us to share with You, in the kindness You want others to feel. You invite us to share with You, in Your forgiveness when humanity treats us harshly. Lord, we fail at being your partner in this thing you call “life.” Help us to recognize and live out our role as a Co-Creator with you. Help us to create a world where You are glorified and others are respected. Help us to fully love You and others in the moments You have given us.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Liz

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are loved and we are forgiven.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Trumpet Voluntary (Jeremiah Clark) The School for Strings

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

Genesis 1: 26-28

Liturgist Liz and Pastor Roxie

New Testament

Luke 10: 25-37

Liturgist Liz and Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Pastor Roxie

SERMON “Co-Creators with God” Pastor Roxie

HYMN “Open My Eyes That I May See” #324

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Liturgist Liz

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Ave Verum Corpus, K. 618 (W.A. Mozart) The School for Strings

***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 Liz

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** “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” #285

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Rondeau (J. J. Mouret) The School for Strings
(Please be seated during the Postlude Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and enjoy Fellowship, especially our Visitors. *No one sits alone.*)

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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 of 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.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Liz Lozen. The greeter today is Gail MacBeth. Coffee Hour Host is Jacquie Green. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Helen Weston for the Glory of God. We are grateful to The School of Strings for providing special music today. Thanks be to God.

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.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS: **TODAY**, the Mission Committee will be collecting the annual Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. Sponsored by the National Presbyterian Mission Agency, this offering focuses on supporting peacemaking and reconciliation efforts in our community as well as nationally. It strives to actively share God's presence of peace by seeking the solutions that make peace possible, as well as allowing us to help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Of the money collected, 25% remains with us and the remaining 75% that is given, a portion goes to the Detroit Presbytery while the remainder goes to support global efforts through the national Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

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

CHILDREN'S ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PLAY: The Children's Advent/Christmas Play, "Angels Among Us," will occur on **Sunday, December 17th** during the worship service. Rehearsals will be on Sunday, December 10th after worship, Saturday, December 16th from 9:30-11 a.m. and Sunday, December 17th at 9 a.m. If you have not already, please let Sue Brackenbury or Pastor Roxie know who in your family will be participating in the play by **TODAY**. There will be both speaking parts and no speaking parts.

BELL CHOIR: The Bell Choir will play on December 3rd during worship. Bell choir rehearsals are on Sunday, November 19th and December 3rd before worship at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to join the Bell Choir.

ADULT CHOIR: The spontaneous Adult Choir will sing on December 10th during worship. Any adult is welcome to join the spontaneous Adult Choir. Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 3rd following the worship service, at 11:10 a.m., and December 10th at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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!

NO ADULT CLASS “NOOMA” & “THE BACKSTORY”: There will be **NO adult classes** for “NOOMA” or “The Backstory” for Wednesday, November 22 and Thursday, November 23rd due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

CHILDREN’S COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Roxie will be leading a class for children who would like to learn about Holy Communion **TODAY and on November 26th in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** 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 time does not work for your family, please let Pastor Roxie know.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: The Membership and Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help decorate Christmas trees throughout the church on **Saturday, November 25th at 9 a.m.**

ADVENT LUNCHEON: On **Sunday, November 26th**, the Membership and Outreach Committee is hosting a luncheon during Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall at **11:15 a.m.** During this time, children will be putting the angels on the tree in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join!

OLDE TOWN ADVENT LUNCHEONS: You’re invited to St. John’s Church (corner of 7th and Pine) for Advent Luncheons on **Thursdays, November 30th, December 7th and 14th at 12:00 p.m.** The theme of the luncheons is “Welcome Jesus, Prince of Peace.” Pastor Roxie will be speaking on December 14th.

MOVIE EVENT: The Membership and Outreach Committee is renting a theater at Sperry’s on **Sunday, December 3rd at 12:30 p.m.** – The movie is called “Journey to Bethlehem” and it is about Joseph, Mary, and the birth of Jesus. There will be 40 seats available, so please sign up at the church office if you would like to come! Tickets will be \$8.50 per person.

SPECIAL WORSHIP MUSIC DURING WORSHIP:

December 3: Bell Choir Plays

December 10: Adult Choir Sings

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./11-20: Financial Counters 9:00 a.m.
Deacons 4:00 p.m.
Wed./11-22: Stitch and Chat 10:00 a.m.
No Adult Class: NOOMA
Thurs./11-23: Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
No Adult Class: The Back Story

**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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Pianist: Elizabeth Roe

***OUR MISSION IS KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH,
AND GO SHARE OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.***