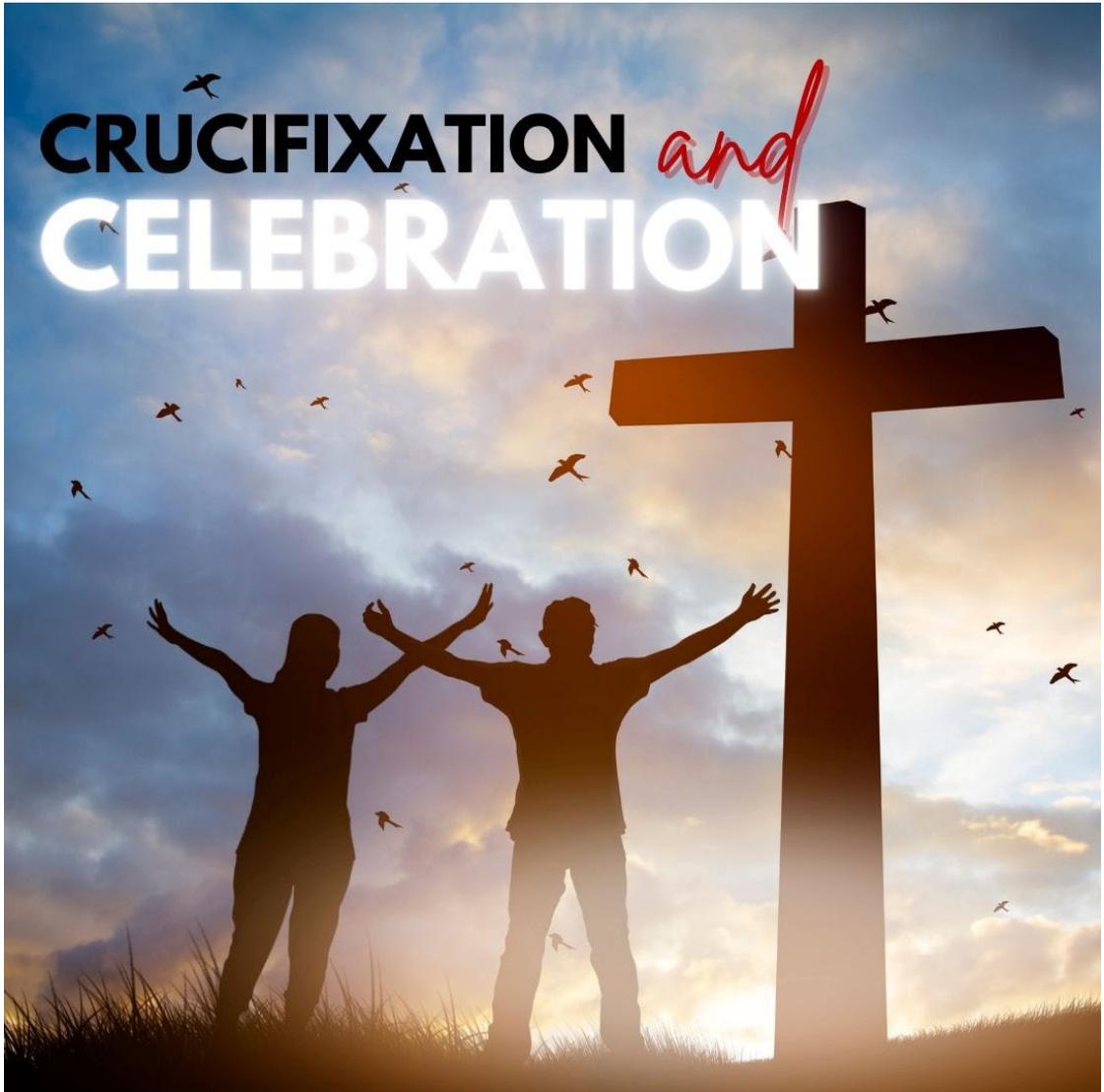


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 5, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

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

PRELUDE

"Highland Cathedral"

Bicknell

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Roxie Davis

Passing 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 take a moment to sign-in. If you see that there is someone missing who usually sits close to you, take the time to call them this week and make sure everything is ok. **For those of you who are visiting**, please give us your contact information so that we can keep you informed about the ministries of this particular church family. To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God is glad you have chosen to worship this morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Steve Ahlquist

***OPENING WORDS (Based on Psalm 63- Responsively)**

Liturgist Steve

God is our Lord. Our souls thirst for God.

Our flesh faints for God, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

We look upon God in this sanctuary.

We behold the power and glory of God.

We know that God's steadfast love is better than life.

Our lips will praise God as long as we live.

We will lift up our hands and call on our God.

We see God's mercy present in life's hardships.

Let us worship God together.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Steve

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Steve

Gracious God, we confess to You that we haven’t always wanted to act like You. You often move slowly in our lives. You encourage us to be like You, savoring the moments that You give us. You desire to be in peaceful relationship with us. But we rush around, wondering why we do not experience Your peace and comfort. We concentrate more on accomplishing our daily routine, rather than enjoying You and others in life’s moments. Help us, O God, to see that out of any moment, You can make it Holy. Help us to sense Your love even in our desperate moments.

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Steve

Listen with your ears; See with your eyes:

Our God is a loving and forgiving God.

God is the Giver of All Life’s Moments.

It is through the body and blood of Christ, that we know, for certain, God loves us.

It is through the body and blood of Christ, that we know, for certain, we are forgiven all our sins. 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

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading Prophet: Isaiah 53: 5

Liturgist Steve

New Testament Reading Gospel: John 6: 53-58

Pastor Roxie

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Liturgist Steve

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON "Crucifixion and Celebration"

Pastor Roxie

*HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Roxie

- The Invitation
- The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving responsively.
The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- (Prayer of Thanksgiving...)
And so, we lift our voices in joyful praise with the choirs of angels who forever sing to the glory of your name:
- **(Sung #138) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**
- Communion
 - Sharing of Bread

- Sharing of the Cup
- Prayers of the People after Communion Together
Loving God, You have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring Your grace and peace to those around us...

And now we pray silently for those who are on our hearts today, especially those who need Your comfort, Your forgiveness and Your peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer.

THE SINGING OF 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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Reflection"

Liturgist Steve
Asper

***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 Steve

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Insert

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth;
the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father;
brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment;
and live each moment
In peace eternally;
let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

***BENEDICTION (In Unison)**

Pastor Roxie

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

"Recessional"

Asper

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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. 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 Steve Ahlquist. Our organist today is Gary Rhody. The greeter today is Gail MacBeth. Coffee Hour Host is Carolyn Ahlquist. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Barbara Seymore and Family in memory of Charles Kemerer, Walter Kemerer, and August Seymore.

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.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION MEETING: There will be a Special Congregational Election Meeting next **Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11:15 a.m.**

BAKE SALE AND CHILI COOK-OFF THANK YOU: The Mission and Membership and Outreach Committees would like to thank everyone who tasted chili or bought baked goods. We raised \$2215.45 which will

be given to help aid recovery efforts in Lahaina, Maui. The total includes \$1000.00 matched by the Endowment Fund.

MOUNTAIN MOVERS (4th grade-8th grade): Students will **remain in worship TODAY**. There is a worksheet for them to fill out. The you are encouraged to leave their worksheets with Pastor Roxie for later discussion.

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

POINSETTIAS: There are 10" poinsettias available for ordering this Christmas Season. We will have 7 available, and they are \$33 each. If you would like to order one, please sign up at the church office.

BELL CHOIR: The Bell Choir will play on December 3rd during worship. Bell choir rehearsals are on Sundays, November 5th, 12th, and 19th 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 Choir. Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 3rd following the worship service at 11:15 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!

NEW ADULT CLASS “NOOMA”: Join the viewing and discussion of the video series “NOOMA” by Rob Bell. Come watch episode 2 in the Parlor on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: **10:00 a.m. on Thursdays-** If you are **serious** about living out the faith, as written in the Bible, you need to come to this class. Lively discussion. No Bible expertise needed—just a willingness to set aside one hour a week to be in God’s Word. The Scriptures studied will be the preaching Scriptures for the following Sunday.

CHILDREN’S COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Roxie will be leading a class for children who would like to learn about Holy Communion **TODAY in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and November 19th and 26th.** 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.

BLUE WATER FEED THE WORLD DAY: Serve together and help pack 100,000 meals at Colonial Woods Missionary Church on **Saturday, November 18th.** You will assist packing meals to help feed the future of a global society. You can either volunteer or donate. Please sign up at the church office if you are interested in volunteering. For more information about this event, please look at the flyer located on the table in the Gathering Room.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS: On **Sunday, November 19th,** 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.

SPECIAL WORSHIP MUSIC DURING WORSHIP:

- November 12: Classical Guitarist, William Henry Russell
Soloist, Sid LaFrance
- November 19: School for Strings
- December 3: Bell Choir Presents
- December 10: Adult Choir Presents

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- Mon./11-6: Financial Counters 9:00 a.m.
- Tues./11-7: Properties Committee 4:00 p.m.
- Membership and Outreach Committee 7:00 p.m.
- Wed./11-8: Stitch and Chat 10:00 a.m.
- Sarah's Circle 1:00 p.m.
- Adult Class: NOOMA 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs./11-9: Adult Class: The Back Story 10:00 a.m.
- Finance Committee 11:15 a.m.
- Sun./11-12: Special Congregational Election Meeting 11:15 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.***