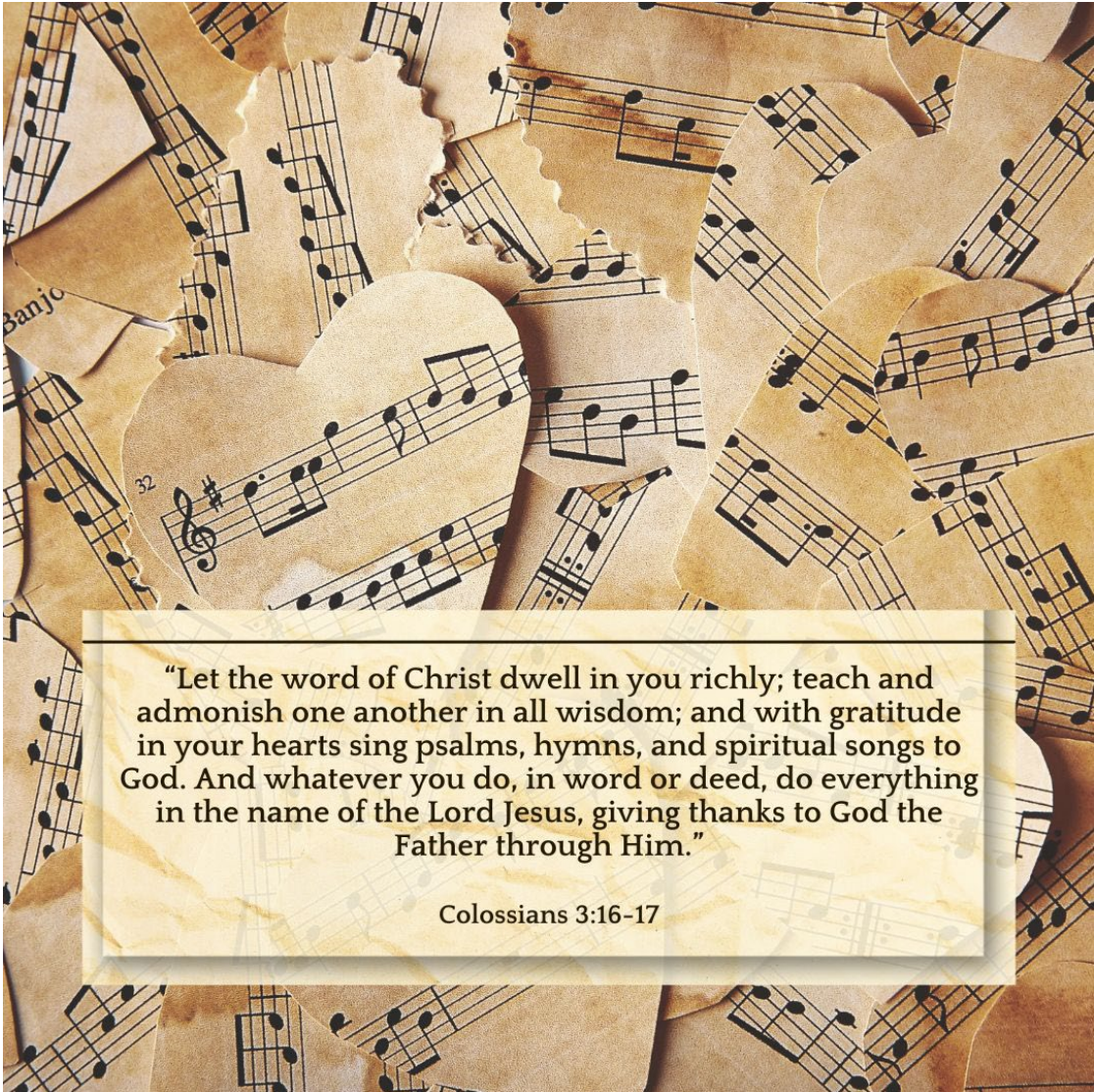


WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Colossians 3:16-17

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 12, 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

Elizabeth Roe

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.

PRELUDE

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

Music Provided by Guest Musician, William Henry Russell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Sid LaFrance

OPENING WORDS (Responsively) Portions of Psalm 98

Liturgist Sid

Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things...

The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to us.

The Lord remembers His love and faithfulness to us.

We all have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy; burst into jubilant song with music.

Make music to the Lord with the harp, and the sound of singing.

Make music with the trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn.

Shout for joy before the Lord, our King.

Let everything in all the world give praise to the Lord.

Let us worship our God together.

***OPENING HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Sid

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Sid

Almighty God, we say we want to see You. We say we want to know You. We say we want to spend time with You in prayer. We say we will read Your Word, the Bible. We say we want to enjoy You and all that You have made. But we cut You out of our schedule. We miss the moments that You fill with meaning. Forgive us, Father. Help us to savor the moments stirred by Your Spirit. Come, Lord Jesus, and be in our every moment. (Let us take a moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Sid

The Good News remains true.

God has chosen to forgive us, in Jesus Christ.

God has chosen to love us, even with our faults.

God has chosen to come and live among us.

God has sent His Son, Jesus, to be among us and give our lives meaning.

Through Jesus, we are loved and 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Provided by William Henry Russell

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

Psalm 40: 3

Pastor Roxie

New Testament

Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 22-33

Liturgist Sid

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3: 16-17

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON **“Moments Filled with Meaning”**

VOCAL SOLO

Vocal Soloist, Sid

“I Believe”

By Ervin Drake/Irvin Graham/Jimmy Shirl/Al Stillman/arr. John Leavitt

RECEPTION OF NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

New Members: Sue Brackenbury and Joan Vandawaker

Renew Member: Laura Dahnke

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Do you trust in Him?

I do.

Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His word and show His love?

I do.

Do you renounce all evil and rely upon God’s love and forgiveness?

I do.

Do you intend to be a faithful member of this congregation, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

I do and I will.

Prayer (In Unison): Oh, Lord, help us to be filled with gratitude for Your blessings. Let Your message of love richly dwell in us. And may whatever we do or say, be done in Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Sid

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Provided by William Henry Russell

***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 Sid

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**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#466

***BENEDICTION (In Unison) (First lines of Psalm 95)**

Come, let us go forth, singing joy to the Lord.
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation.
For the Lord is a Great God! We put our trust in Him.

POSTLUDE

Music Provided by William Henry Russell

(Please be seated during the Postlude. The Congregational Election Meeting follows and then we enjoy Fellowship Together. 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 Sid LaFrance. Our pianist today is Elizabeth Roe. The greeter today is Gail MacBeth. Coffee Hour Host is Helen Weston and Peggy Ruthven. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Janet Hanson in memory of Lee Hanson.

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 **TODAY, Sunday, November 12, 2023 following worship.**

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.

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 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 Adult 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!

ADULT CLASS "NOOMA": Join the viewing and discussion of the video series "NOOMA" by Rob Bell. Come watch episode 3 in the Parlor on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** (Nooma means "spirit" in Greek.)

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Roxie will be leading a class for children who would like to learn about Holy Communion on **November 19th and 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.

SPECIAL WORSHIP MUSIC DURING WORSHIP:

November 19: School for Strings
December 3: Bell Choir Presents
December 10: Adult Choir Presents

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./11-13: Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Session	7:00 p.m.
Wed./11-15: Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
Sarah Circle	1:00 p.m.
Adult Class: NOOMA	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./11-16: Adult Class: The Back Story	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.***