


WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



Make a joyful noise to the
Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous
song and sing praises.

Psalm 98:4

Second Sunday of Christmas
January 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Lay Preacher, Liz Lozen

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~

DOES JESUS' BIRTH CHANGE US?

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

Pianist Elizabeth Roe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to sign the Friendship Register in your pew, pass it to others in your pew and please greet each other after worship. A special welcome to visitors; if you wish, please give us your preferred contact information so we can stay in touch with you and let you know about the church's ministries. Whether you have been here many times or just one time, we are glad you have set aside the time to worship God with this church family.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Liturgist Barry Meier

Arise and shine!

Your light has come!

Arise and shine!

The glory of the Lord has appeared among us!

Arise and shine!

Because of Jesus, we are not the same.

Life is different! Thanks be to God.

***OPENING HYMN "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (Verse 1 and 2) #66**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Barry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Barry

Eternal God, You are the light that shines forth in the Bethlehem star.

You are the light that no darkness can overcome. We ask that You drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from Your way, for denying Your truth, for resisting the life You would have us live.

Refresh us and restore us. Focus us on the brilliant light of Your Son. So that we can see Him more clearly and follow Him more nearly, this day and every day. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Barry

Grace, mercy and love—

These are the gifts God has given us in Jesus Christ.

This is Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are loved and we are forgiven all our sins.

***SUNG RESPONSE “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Verse 2) #22**

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar,

Seek the great desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star.

Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the new born

King. (Sages is another name for Wisemen)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lay Preacher Liz Lozen

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Psalm 98 (Responsively)

Liturgist Barry

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²The Lord has made known his victory;

He has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

**⁷Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.**

**⁸Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy ⁹at the presence of the Lord,
for He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

New Testament Matthew 2: 1-12 Liturgist Barry and Lay Preacher Liz

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Lay Preacher Liz

SERMON "A New Song" Lay Preacher Liz

***HYMN "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (Verse 3 and 4) #66**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Liturgist Barry

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 Liturgist Barry
Offertory Music Pianist Elizabeth

***SUNG RESPONSE “As with Gladness Men of Old” (Verse 3) #63**
As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin’s alloy.
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.”

***CLOSING HYMN “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (Verse 5) #66**

***BENEDICTION Colossians 3: 16-17 (In Unison) Lay Preacher Liz**
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom...
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.

POSTLUDE Pianist Elizabeth

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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 Barry Meier. The greeter today is Shelley Kamer. The coffee hour hosts are Miah Kallapure and Jessica Phillips. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Betty McLean in honor of her daughter, Judy McLean.

Pastor Nominating Committee (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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES: Please join us to celebrate those who have a January birthday and/or anniversary during Fellowship Time!

RIDE ASSISTANCE NEEDED: A ride is needed for a member living at Lake Huron Woods, (5221 Lakeshore Road, Fort Gratiot) for the Sunday morning service. If you can help, please let the church office know.

SANCTURARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR HOST: There are available dates in the months of January and February. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- FINANCIAL COUNTERS: The finance team is looking for one or two church members willing to come count the weekly offerings on Monday mornings with a partner. Please let the church know if you are interested.

“PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS” SIGNS: Please pick up a yard sign from the office vestibule. Our schools really need our prayers and others in our neighborhoods need to be encouraged to pray for our schools, also.

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 in the Gathering Room.

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 to chat!

ADULT CLASS “NOOMA”: There will be no class on January 10th due to Pastor Roxie’s time off to see her family. This class will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: There is no class on Thursday, January 11th due to Pastor Roxie’s time off to see her family. This class will resume meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

PASTOR/CHILDREN CLASS: Pastor Roxie will lead a once-a-month Class for Children of all ages, after each month’s Communion Worship Service.

Communion, Baptism, 10 Commandments; Great Commandment and Great Commission, Disciples, and Books of the Bible are just some of the topics to be taught. Families: Mark your calendars for both parents and children to attend these classes which will help children learn important Biblical facts. **The first Sunday in this Pastor/Children Class will be next Sunday, January 14th from 11:30-12:00 p.m.** (Communion is on the second Sunday in January because of Pastor Roxie's vacation).

TRAINING NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS: Pastor Roxie will hold a training for all new Elders and Deacons who were elected during the Congregational Election Meeting. If you did not come to the training in December, please plan to come on **Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6 PM** for the training session. You will attend the Session meeting, at 7 PM, on the same day, to be approved as new Deacons and Elders.

WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS (W.I.N.) CLASS: The W.I.N. class will be **Sunday, January 21, 2024, following worship at 11:15 AM.** If you are interested in knowing more about the Presbyterian Church or desire to join the church in membership, please come to the W.I.N. Class. Or if you want to renew your membership, this is a great opportunity. Anyone desiring to join the church will be able to talk with the Elders on **Monday, February 12, 2024 during Session at 7:00 p.m.**

NEW "FIRST LIGHT" CASUAL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE: Beginning **Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.** Please join us for the new casual contemporary worship service held in the Community Activity Room in the Christian Education Wing. Each service will be about 45 minutes long- they will include relevant messages and contemporary worship music played by Price Smith. We would love to have you and your family join us this February!

**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:

Mon./1-8: Financial Counters 9:00 a.m.
Wed./1-10: Stitch and Chat 10:00 a.m.
Sarah Circle 1:00 p.m.
NO Adult Class: Nooma
Thurs./1-11: NO Adult Class: The Backstory
Sun./1-14: Pastor/Children Class 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Homebound Communion Class 11:15 a.m.
(see insert)

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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.***