

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 21, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(Preaching Series: JESUS—THE GAME CHANGER)

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

Pianist, Elizabeth Roe

(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

Please remember to sign the Friendship Register, so we know you are here. Please pass it to others in your pew and greet each other after worship. Giving us your contact information is very helpful so we can stay in touch with you, especially if you are a visitor and this is your first time, worshipping with us. Welcome to all of you, if you are new, or have been here several times before. We are glad you have chosen to worship God this morning.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Liturgist Joan Vandawaker

We are called to be God's people, the Church.

We may have different perspectives on life.

But we follow the same Lord, Jesus Christ.

We may have different ways of doing things.

But we are called to serve as God's family.

We may see things differently, one from another.

But we stand united in our love for Christ.

We stand united as we strive to see things from God's perspective.

Let us worship the One who calls us to be faithful in our walk with Jesus.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#276

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Joan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Joan

Almighty God, we do not always heed Your call. We struggle to see Our lives--Your world-- from Your perspective. We see the dark side of life, and we hesitate to sing Your praises. We see flaws in our lives, and don't come to You for reassurance. We fail to spend time with You to see things from Your perspective. We fail to read Your Word to hear of Your faithfulness, amidst our disobedience. Forgive us for our failings. Help us to walk in Your ways.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Joan

Jesus Christ gives us a new perspective.

Out of Jesus' life, comes a new way to live.

Out of His death, comes forgiveness forever.

Out of His resurrection, comes the promise of eternal life.

We know, without a doubt, God is gracious.

We know, without a doubt, God is merciful.

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 Isaiah 55: 6-11 (Responsively)

Liturgist Joan

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

¹¹ So is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

New Testament 2 Peter 3: 8-11

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON “God’s Perspective ”

Pastor Roxie

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders: Shelley Kamer, Helenann Norwood, Kerry Norwood,
Joan Vandawaker

Deacons: Nancy Domke, Kim Matthews, Lisa Matthews

Bruce Morrison, Ann Murphy, Janet Brown and Linda LaFrance (in warmer climates)

Questions of Ordination/Installation

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfil your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. (For ruling Elder) Will you be a faithful ruling Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share

in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

10. (For Deacon) Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

11. Questions for the Congregation:

Do we the members of the church, accept these ruling Elders and Deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? *If so, answer we do.*

And do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? *If so, answer we do.*

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" (Song and Sign/2 Times) #322**

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 ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Liturgist Joan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (Verses 1,4, and 5) #429

CLOSING WORDS (In Unison/Ephesians 3: 20-21) AND BENEDICTION

Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

POSTLUDE

Pianist, Elizabeth Roe

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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 Joan Vandawaker. The greeter today is Shelley Kamer. The coffee hour hosts are Starrla Opferman and Reta Zochowski. The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Gail Rosales in memory of their parents.

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR HOST: There are available dates in the months of February and March. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

JOB OPENING: We have a job opening for the Children's Christian Education Director. The job description has been revised, and it is only a 7 hours per week position. Please pick up a job description from the office counter if you, or you know anyone who, may be interested.

TRANSPORTATION TEAM: We have people in our congregation who need transportation to/from worship. We are organizing a Transportation Team. Please sign up at the church 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. Reta Zochowski has

volunteered to be a counter for weekly offerings. Please consider being her partner. Sign up at the church office.

SNOW DAYS: If the Port Huron Area School District is closed due to inclement weather, the office will also be closed on that day.

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE VACATION: Please note that Bill Briscoe, will be on vacation from January 20-February 4th. If you have any immediate concerns, please contact Gail Rosales.

“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. Pick up a sign today.

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

WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS (W.I.N.) CLASS: The W.I.N. class will be **TODAY, January 21st, following worship at 11:15 AM in the Parlor.** 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.**

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”: Join the viewing and discussion of the video series “NOOMA” by Rob Bell.

ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: **10 AM 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.

NEW “FIRST LIGHT” CASUAL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE:

Beginning **Sunday, February 4th 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, your family, and your friends join us this February!

“GO TO THE MOVIES!”: The Chosen (Season 4, Episodes 1, 2, and 3) is being shown at the AMC Theaters, Birchwood Mall starting in February.

We are planning to go as a group on **Sunday, February 4th at 3:00 PM**

There is a sign-up sheet on the office counter. There are 47 seats in the theater- \$12.50 per ticket. First come, first serve. **Please sign up TODAY!**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 18, 2024 following worship at 11:00 AM. Reports will be received and bylaw changes voted on.

**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:

Sun./1-21:	Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers Class	11:15 a.m.
Mon./1-22:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Tues./1-23:	Worship and Music	10:00 a.m.
	Marketing Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Wed./1-23:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: Nooma	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./1-24:	Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 a.m.

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Nursery Assistant: Amy Block

Organist: Gary Rhody

Pianist: Elizabeth Roe

***Our mission is know the Love of God,
grow in the Christian faith,
and go share our faith in Jesus Christ.***

First Light

**BEGINNING FEBRUARY 4, 2024
AT 8:30 AM**

First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron
invites you to the new casual
contemporary worship services!

- About 45 minutes
- Relevant messages
- Contemporary worship music
played by Price Smith

The Traditional Worship Service will continue
at 10 AM on Sundays.

811 Wall Street, Port Huron, MI 48060



TASTE OF PILGRIMAGE

Looking to enrich your
journey with Jesus?

Join us February 10th, 11:30 - 1:30 pm

**St. Thomas Community
Presbyterian Church**

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Questions? Our Outreach contacts would be happy to help!

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