

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON**



# The Light of Love

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.  
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS**

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
**(Preaching Series: Light in our Darkness)**

**PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE**

Piano Solo by Benjamin Nurnberg

**“Starlight”** by Mary Leaf

*(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**

Liturgist Steve Ahlquist

**\*OPENING WORDS**

It says in: John 3:16

**God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

It says in 1 Corinthians 16:14

**Let all that you do, be done in love.**

Jesus says in John 13:34-35

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples.**

Let us worship God as people who desire to spread God's light through loving God and loving others.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Steve

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Steve

**Lord God, You ask us to love everyone. But it is difficult. We see the person that wronged us; we look at the person who betrayed us; we perceive the thoughts of the people who speak against us. And we don't love them. In fact, sometimes we are judgmental and cruel. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be people who know that YOU love all of us. Help us to see a sign on the foreheads of others that says, "I am God's Child. Love Me!" We rely upon You for strength to love as You love.**

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

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Steve

God never gives up on us.

**God never takes His love away from us.**

Even when we mess up, God stands beside us.

**God still loves us.**

God still forgives us.

**Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ,  
the One in human form has shown us  
God's love and lasting forgiveness.**

## **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.**

### **THE VALENTINE PLAY “The Light of Love”**

Presented by the Children of FPC, Port Huron

Director: Pastor Roxie; Assistant Director: Erin Peyerk;

Props Coordinator: Sue Brackenbury; Supportive Roles: All the Parents  
and Grandparents of the children.

Reliable and Constant Help: Adm. Asst. Laura Gaffney

### **SONGS TO BE SUNG BY CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION**

#### **RISE AND SHINE**

Rise and Shine and Give God Your Glory, Glory.

Rise and Shine and Give God Your Glory, Glory.

Rise and Shine and Give God Your Glory, Glory,

Children of the Lord. (Repeat)

#### **THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (FIRST TIME)**

##### Chorus

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 Times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no. I'm gonna let it shine (3 times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Repeat the Chorus)

#### **THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (SECOND TIME)**

##### Chorus

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
We've got the Light of Love. We're going to let it shine.  
(3 Times)  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.  
(Repeat the Chorus)

### **SCRIPTURES USED IN THE PLAY**

Matthew 22:37-38 (The Great Commandment):

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

1 John 4: 19: "We love because God first loved us."

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Liturgist Steve

#### **\*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 Steve

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHILDREN, 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**

**“Jesus Loves Me!”**

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**CLOSING WORDS (RESPONSIVELY) and BENEDICTION**

God is love and light.

**“Love one another for love is of God.”**

Jesus says:

**“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

**POSTLUDE (Please be seated)**

Piano Solo by Jonathan Nurnberg

**“Winter’s Serenade”** by Dennis Alexander

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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 Steve Ahlquist. The greeter today is Shelley Kamer. The people running the sound board are Mark Schian and Paige Cronic. The coffee hour host is Reta Zochowski. The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Jim and Linda Hall in memory of our 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.

“FIRST LIGHT” CASUAL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE: **Continues each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.** Please visit us or tell your friends about the new casual contemporary worship service held in the Community Activity Room in the Christian Education Wing. The service is about 45 minutes long- it includes relevant messages spoken by Pastor Roxie, and contemporary worship music, played by Price Smith.

MEMORIAL: With sadness we inform you of the passing of Lawrence Dent on Saturday, January 27, 2024. The Funeral Service will be on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. There has been a memorial set up in Lawrence’s name.

JOB OPENING: We have a job opening for the Children’s Christian Education Director. The job description has been revised, and it is a 7 hours per week position. Please pick up a job description from the office counter if you, or you know anyone whom, 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 count the weekly offerings on Monday mornings with a partner. Sign up at the church office counter.

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.

### UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

W.I.N. (WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS) CLASS: After 10:00 a.m. Worship **TODAY at 11:20 a.m. in the Parlor**, there will be a W.I.N. Class, Pastor/Lay led. This class is for anyone who would like to know more about the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and particularly about the ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Port Huron. This class is good for those who would like to join the church's membership; renew your membership, or to satisfy your curiosity about both what is happening here at the local church, the national church and around the world. We will talk about basic Presbyterian beliefs as they compare to other denominations, the history of the democratic structure of Presbyterian churches, and get to know others in this church family. A fun class!!

FAMILY ICE SKATING: All families are invited to go ice skating with us on **TODAY at 12 p.m.** After the 10 AM worship we will have pizza in the C.E. Wing before heading to McMorrان. Skate rentals are free or bring your own skates. We ask that a parent or guardian stay with your children while we skate. See Laura Nurnberg with any questions!

FERMENTING THE FAITH: This annual event will be on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Vintage Tavern at 6:30 p.m.** Please make your calendars and join us for dinner, fellowship, and a short faith talk! Sign up at the church office, there are 25 seats available.

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 Wednesday night classes "Nooma" for the next 7 weeks. Instead, please join us for the Lenten Prayer and Worship, which are at different area churches. A list of the locations you will find on the office counter. Please join us!



LENTEN PRAYER AND WORSHIP: During the weeks of Lent, different area churches will be holding Lenten Evening Prayer and Worship each Wednesday, typically at 7:00 p.m. This special effort is being organized by Operation Transformation, a body that organizes ecumenical gatherings and worship. The first Prayer Worship Time is at **7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** at Assembly of God (835 River Street, Port Huron).

ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: **10 AM on Thursdays-** If you don’t know much about the Bible, this class is for you. 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.

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.

LENTEN ENHANCED COFFEE HOUR: Following the Annual Congregational Meeting, on **Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Lenten Enhanced Coffee Hour provided by the Membership and Outreach Committee.

PRESENTATION FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE: Every third Sunday, there will be a Topical Presentation from a Christian Perspective, led by Various Lay People. The topics have been suggested by a variety of people in this church family. They are timely and relevant to everyday life. Join us on **Sunday, February 18 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Choir Room. There will be training for anyone who would like to serve the elderly community in area care facilities, by sharing in the Homebound Communion Ministry. This class, taught by Jacquie Green, follows the Annual Congregational Meeting and a very special Lenten Soup Luncheon.

OLDE TOWN LENTEN LUNCHEONS: Lenten Luncheons are beginning at **St. John's United Church of Christ (710 Pine Street) at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The luncheons, at no cost to the participants, are prepared by various churches. There is a short message delivered by a pastor or community Christian leader. There is an offering received. This Lenten Season the offering will be divided between the Men's and Women's Homeless Shelters in our area. You are all invited! Volunteer to help on March 14<sup>th</sup> when we are preparing the lunch.

OPEN HOUSE AT DAVIS': On **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** there will be an open house at the Davis Home. There will be a comedian, Joe Manatrey, at 5:30 p.m. Food and fun- come!

BABY SHOWER: On **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**, a baby shower for Brittney O'Connell, a young woman who has been attending worship for over a year, will be held at the Davis Home. All the women of the church are invited. If you cannot stay for the whole time, please stop in whenever. Games will be played at 2:00 p.m. and gifts will be opened at 3:00 p.m. Please sign up at the church office if you will be attending. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please speak with Barb Wright. If you would like to purchase your own gift, registered at [www.babylist.com](http://www.babylist.com) search "Brittney O'Connell")

*\*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:

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| Sun./2-11:   | “First Light” Contemporary Worship                 | 8:30 a.m.  |
|              | Traditional Worship                                | 10:00 a.m. |
|              | Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers Class         | 11:20 a.m. |
|              | Ice Skating at McMorran Plaza                      | 12:00 p.m. |
| Mon./2-12:   | Financial Counters                                 | 9:00 a.m.  |
|              | Deacons  | 4:00 p.m.  |
|              | Session  | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Tues./2-13:  | Fermenting the Faith                               | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Wed./2-14:   | Stitch and Chat                                    | 10:00 a.m. |
|              | Sarah Circle                                       | 1:00 p.m.  |
|              | Lenten Prayer Worship<br>at Assembly of God Church | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Thurs./2-15: | Adult Class: The Backstory                         | 10:00 a.m. |
| Sun./2-18:   | “First Light” Contemporary Worship                 | 8:30 a.m.  |
|              | Traditional Worship                                | 10:00 a.m. |
|              | Annual Congregational Meeting                      | 11:00 a.m. |
|              | Enhanced Lenten Fellowship Time                    | 11:15 a.m. |
|              | Adult Class on Serving the Elderly                 | 11:30 a.m. |

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

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