

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 4 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

"Reflection"

Asper

(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 (First John 1: 5-7)**

Liturgist Liz Lozen

"God is light.

In God there is no darkness.

If we say that we have fellowship with God
while we are walking in the darkness,

we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

If we believe that God is the light of our salvation,

Let us worship the God who lights our way.

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (Verses 1, 2 and 4) #476

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Liz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Liz

Lord, sometimes we choose to walk in darkness. We wallow in our disappointments. We get depressed because things have not gone our way. We hide in the darkness because we don't want to face the hard facts of our lives. Sometimes we feel sorry for ourselves because life has not gone our way. We don't see the light at the end of the tunnel. Lord, forgive us and help find You, the Light of the World. Help us find Your light in every situation we encounter.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Liz

In God we can see the beam of God's love.

In God we can sense the light of God's forgiveness.

In God we are assured of God's light in our darkness.

Thanks be to God for the bright light of Christ's love and 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Roxie

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Genesis 1: 1-5, 14-19

Liturgist Liz

New Testament

Revelation 21: 22-27

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

"God's First Light"

Pastor Roxie

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 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
- Together Prayers of the People after Communion
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. (silence) We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray the Lord’s Prayer.

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
“Hymnus”

Liturgist Liz
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***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 Liz

***CLOSING HYMN “All Creatures of our God and King” (Verses 1-3) #455**

CLOSING WORDS (Isaiah 9: 2) and BENEDICTION

People: The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.

Pastor: And all authority will be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Liz Lozen. The greeter today is Shelley Kamer. Those running the sound board are Mark Schian. The coffee hour host is Linda Hall. The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Jacquie Green to the Glory of God.

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 February birthday and/or anniversary during Fellowship Time!

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.

MEMORIAL: It is with sorrow we inform you Pamela Goode passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Port Huron. A memorial has been set up in Pamela's name.

MEMORIAL: It is with sorrow we inform you Mary Morgan passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2024. A graveside committal will be held in warmer weather. A memorial has been set up in Mary's name.

MEMORIAL: With sadness we inform you of the passing of Lawrence Dent on Saturday, January 27, 2024. The memorial service will be on Friday, February 16th 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.

CHILDREN'S VALENTINE'S PLAY: The Children's Valentine's Play "The Light of Love" will be on **Sunday, February 11th during 10:00 AM Worship.** Children who are interested in being in the play please note rehearsals will be **TODAY** during the Pastor's Class for Children at 11:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary, **Saturday February 10th at 3:30 p.m.** and **February 11th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.

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.

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

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

PASTOR'S CLASS FOR CHILDREN: **TODAY, Sunday, February 4th** there will be a Pastor's Class for Children, at **11:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary**. This class is designed basically for children and their families. However, if there are other adults, who have a child-like heart and spirit, you are invited, also, to hear the discussion with the children. Today, several very familiar scriptures will be taught and integrated into the Children's Valentine's Play Rehearsal.

"GO TO THE MOVIES!": The Chosen (Season 4, Episodes 1, 2, and 3) is being shown at the AMC Theaters, Birchwood Mall starting **TODAY, Sunday, February 4th at 3:00 PM**. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Roxie as to availability of seats. Cost is \$12.50 per ticket to be paid to Pastor Roxie.

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. The class meets **Wednesday nights in the Parlor 7 PM**.

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:

Continues each Sunday 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. The 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 next Sunday!

W.I.N. (WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS) CLASS: After 10:00 a.m. Worship next **Sunday, February 11th 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 **Sunday, February 11th at 12 p.m.** The children will be performing in a Valentine's play during the service that day, and afterwards we will have pizza before heading to McMorran. 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 13th at the Vintage Tavern.** The time is to be determined, but please make your calendars and join us for dinner, fellowship, and a short faith talk! Sign up at the church office.

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.

PRESENTATION FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE: 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.

**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./2-4:	“First Light” Contemporary Worship	8:30 a.m.
	Traditional Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Pastor/Children’s Class (Children’s Play Rehearsal)	11:20 a.m.
	“The Chosen” at AMC Birchwood	3:00 p.m.
Mon./2-5:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Tues./2-6:	Properties Meeting	3:00 p.m.
Wed./2-7:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: Nooma	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./2-8:	Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 a.m.
	Finance Committee	11:00 a.m.
Sat./2-10:	Taste of Pilgrimage	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
	Children’s Play Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.
Sun./2-11:	“First Light” Contemporary Worship	8:30 a.m.
	Traditional Worship	10:00 a.m.
	W.I.N. Class	11:20 a.m.
	Pizza for Families/Children	11:20 a.m.
	Ice Skating at McMorran Plaza	12:00 p.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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