

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 28, 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 (Based on Psalm 18: 1-3)**

Liturgist Dorinne

Crowell

We love the Lord of Life. God is our Strength and our Redeemer.

The Lord is our Rock, our Fortress, our Deliverer.

God is the Rock in whom we take refuge.

God is the Rock on whom we stand.

We have come today to worship the Lord who is worthy of our praise.

Let us worship the God of all Creation; the Giver of Life itself.

***OPENING HYMN**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Dorinne

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Dorinne

Almighty God, Ruler of the Universe, we come before You, confessing that our experience of suffering—both personal and global--make us doubt Your promises and Your power. We sometimes see no reason to sing Your praises, as we experience the shaky ground upon which we stand. Help us to

climb up on Your solid Rock. Help us to see glimmers of Your blessings. Help us to give thanks to You in all circumstances.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Dorinne

We hope in the Lord.

We know, in Jesus Christ, there is steadfast love and forgiveness.

Even in the uneasiness of our sin, we see God as our Solid Rock.

God is the One who steadies us in our weakness.

God is the One who forgives us and redeems us.

Thanks be to God for His unchanging mercy and constant love.

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 Exodus 17:1-7

Pastor Roxie

Gospel Reading Matthew 7: 24-27

Liturgist Dorinne

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON "UNSTEADY GROUND—SOLID ROCK"

Pastor Roxie

***HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Dorinne

***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 Dorinne

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**

“How Firm a Foundation” (Verses 1-4)

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CLOSING WORDS (In Unison—Psalm 62:7-8) AND BENEDICTION

God is our salvation and our glory. God is the rock of our strength, and our refuge. May we trust in God at all times. May we pour out our hearts before Him.”

POSTLUDE

Pianist, Elizabeth Roe

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 Dorinne Crowell. The greeter today is Shelley Kamer. The coffee hour hosts are Jacquie Green and Sue Murvich. The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Barbara Seymore and Family in memory of Bruce A. Seymore.

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.

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.

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 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 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.

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": 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.

Bible 101 (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth): **Sunday, January 28th at 11:20 a.m.,** Bible 101 will be taught by Pastor Roxie in the Choir Room (just off the Fellowship Hall). This class will provide teachings on various Books of the Bible and Scripture passages, looking ahead to the upcoming month's Preaching Series. This is basically an easy, fun, and convenient way to read and study the Bible in preparation for hearing the Word preached.

NEW "FIRST LIGHT" CASUAL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE: Beginning **next 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 next Sunday!

PASTOR'S CLASS FOR CHILDREN: On **Sunday, February 4th** after the 10:00 a.m. Communion Worship, there will be a Pastor's Class for Children, **11:20 a.m. in the Choir Room** (off from the Fellowship Hall). 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. Topics to be discussed: The Golden Rule. There also may be a segment on how to easily Memorize Scripture.

"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 46 seats in the theater- \$12.50 per ticket, please pay Pastor Roxie. First come, first serve. **Please sign up TODAY!**

W.I.N. (WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS) CLASS: After Worship on **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 the faith community. A fun class!!

FAMILY ICE SKATING: All families are invited to go ice skating with us on **Sunday, Feb 11th at 12 PM**. The children will be performing in a Valentine's play during the service that day, and afterwards we will have pizza 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!

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:

Mon./1-29:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Tues./1-30:	Marketing Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Wed./1-31:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Class: Nooma	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./2-1:	Adult Class: The Backstory	10:00 a.m.
Sun./2-4:	"First Light" Contemporary Worship	8:30 a.m.
	Traditional Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Pastor/Children's Class	11:20 a.m.
	"The Chosen" at Sperry's	3:00 p.m.

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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.***