

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~
(Preaching Series: Christian Disciplines—How to Relate)

PROCESSIONAL

Pianist, Elizabeth Roe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Roxie Davis

Passing the Friendship Pad helps us to know who is here and also to know whom we need to reach out to and say: “We missed you in worship.” Please take a moment to sign-in and if you see that there is someone missing who usually sits close to you, take the time to call them this week and make sure everything is OK. **For those of you who are visiting, welcome.** Please give us your contact information so that we can keep you informed about the ministries of this particular church family. To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God is glad you have chosen to worship this morning.

PRELUDE

(During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind for God’s presence in worship)

“A Lenten Meditation”

Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Roxie

***OPENING WORDS (Responsively) Psalm 22--Paraphrase of Various Verses**

We will tell of Your name, O God, to our brothers and sisters.

In the midst of the congregation, we will praise You.

Those who revere God, let us praise and glorify the Lord.

God does not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted.

God does not hide His face from those who cry out to God.

May we and all the families of every nation turn to the Lord.

Let us worship God, the One who rules the earth.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Pass Me Not”

Insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Pastor Roxie

Gracious God, You are always reaching out to us with love and kindness. You clearly teach us to do the same. But we confess that we often do not show Your love. We walk past people in need, missing the opportunities You give us to serve and connect. We also justify our prejudices against others rather than building bridges of conversation and understanding. Have mercy on us, and teach us again Your ways. Help us to be Your faithful servants.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Pastor Roxie

Jesus was a servant to all.

It says in Scripture: “Whoever wishes to be great among you, must be the servant of all. “

Jesus shows mercy and forgiveness to us, when we confess our tendency to put ourselves first.

When we ask, Jesus helps us to be servants to the least among us. Thanks be to God for His grace in our lives.

***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

Director Renee Pettinger, BWARM

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Isaiah 58: 6-11

Director Renee

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Pastor Roxie

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Director Renee

SERMON

**“Spent and Satisfied”
How to Relate through Servanthood**

Director Renee

***HYMN**

“Be Still, My Soul”

Insert

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Roxie

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above the Heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Pastor Roxie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Roxie

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**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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***BENEDICTION (Responsively) Isaiah 58: 7-8**

Pastor Roxie

Is not your work, to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them, and
not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly.

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 and the possible preaching series inserts go in the Offering Plates.

Visitors, please fill out the small form available in the Friendship Pad. It gives us an idea as to what are helpful marketing tools; telling others who we are.

THANK YOU: We give thanks for Guest Preacher, Renee Pettinger, Director of BWARM, Blue Water Area Rescue Mission, the Men's Homeless Shelter here in Port Huron. She works among the homeless and has a lot to teach us. May we "listen" as she "speaks."

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Pastor Roxie Davis. The greeter today is Anne Wilton. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Mark Schian and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour host is Laura Dahnke. The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Jane Penzien in honor of a great place to worship.

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 March and April. 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: Each **Sunday at 8:30 a.m.** Worship is about 45 minutes long- it includes relevant messages and contemporary worship music, played by Price Smith.

THANK YOU!: Thank you to all the women of the church who stepped up to help with the baby shower for Brittney O'Connell. I am utterly amazed at the help and support! Thank you also for the contributions to the group gift, it was overwhelming how supportive everyone was from near and far! Thank you to everyone who helped, but also who attended to celebrate Brittney and her new baby. It was a wonderful day for us to get to know Brittney, and for her to get to know us! - Barb Wright

PREACHING SERIES: Please fill out the form for your favorite three preaching topics. This will help Pastor Roxie as she plans Preaching Series for the next few months. You can put it in the Offering Plate or put on the office counter.

FPC T-SHIRTS: The FPC t-shirts are in! If you ordered a t-shirt, they are now available for pick up at the church office. The shirts are \$11 each, please pay Mark Schian or the church office.

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. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested - please pick up a job description from the office counter.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS 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

TOPICAL PRESENTATION FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE: **TODAY, March 17th** in the choir room, join the adult class at **11:30 a.m.** led by Dr. Alex Ruthven on the topic of “Your Health.” The class will include information about taking care of yourself, how to stop the bleeding, special health issues, and other health topics, prompted by your questions.

POP-UP CHOIR: The Adult Pop-Up Choir will rehearse for Palm Sunday and Easter **TODAY** immediately following worship, in the Sanctuary.

MOUNTAIN MOVER YOUTH and OFFERING USHER TRAINING: In the Sanctuary, on **TODAY, at 11:30 AM**, Judith McLean will be providing training for anyone who would like to be an usher, including children in the Mountain Movers class for the first Sunday of each month.

STITCH AND CHAT: A group of women meet each **Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM 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” through Lent. Instead, please join us for the Lenten Prayer and Worship, which are at different area churches (*see below*).

LENTEN PRAYER AND WORSHIP: During the weeks of Lent, different area churches are holding Lenten Evening Prayer and Worship. This **Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** will be hosted by **Grace Episcopal Church/C4Yourself Ministries** (1213 6th Street, Port Huron).

ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: **On Thursdays (time TBD)**- 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.

OLDE TOWN LENTEN LUNCHEONS: Thursday Lenten Luncheons are at **St. John's United Church of Christ (710 Pine Street) at 12:00 PM**. The luncheons, at no cost to the participants, are prepared by various churches. They include a short message. You are all invited!

BIBLE (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) 101 Class: **Sunday, March 24th at 11:30 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.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS (March 24-March 31)

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Join us for Maundy Thursday Worship on **Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM**. The worship will include observation of The Last Supper Communion and a drama presentation titled, "Were You There?" This is an "invite a friend" worship time. The drama will be very moving. If you would like to be in the drama that Pastor Roxie is writing, please contact her within the next few days. There are speaking and non-speaking roles.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP: An ecumenical Good Friday Service will be at **1:00 PM on Friday, March 29th** at Colonial Woods Missionary Church. A group of people from the church will be going. Please let us know if you plan to attend and we can sit together.

GOOD FRIDAY MOVIE: Come view "His Only Son" (about Abraham and Isaac) on **Friday, March 29th 4:30 p.m.** at Sperry's Moviehouse. Following the movie we will enjoy a pizza dinner and discussion together at Bella Bolla, downtown. Total cost for the movie and dinner will be \$10. Please sign up at the church office, there are only 40 spaces available. This is an "Invite your Friend" event.

EASTER BREAKFAST: On **Easter Sunday at 9 AM**, between First Light Worship at **8:15 a.m.** and Traditional Worship at **10 a.m.** there will be an Easter Breakfast provided by Membership and Outreach Committee. Please stop by the office desk to sign up if you plan on attending so we have an idea of how much food to have prepared.

**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./3-17:	“First Light” Contemporary Worship	8:30 AM
	Traditional Worship	10:00 AM
	Topical Presentation on Your Health led by Dr. Alex Ruthven	11:15 AM
Mon./3-18:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
	Christian Education Committee	4:15 PM
Tues./3-19:	Worship and Music Committee	10:00 AM
Wed./3-20:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Mission Committee Meeting	4:30 PM
	Lenten Prayer Worship	7:00 PM
	at Grace Episcopal Church/C4Yourself Ministries	
Thurs./3-21:	Adult Class: The Backstory	Time TBD
	Lenten Luncheon at St. John’s UCC	12:00 PM
Sun./3-24:	Palm Sunday	
	First Light Contemporary Worship	8:30 AM
	Traditional Worship	10:00 AM
	BIBLE 101	11:30 AM

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Nursery Assistant: Amy Block

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and Price Smith



OUR MISSION:
KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH,
AND GO SHARE OUR FAITH
IN JESUS CHRIST.