

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.  
Pastor Roxie Davis

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
(Preaching Series: Words to Live By--Proverbs)

**PROCESSIONAL**

**Musician, Gary Rhody**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Roxie Davis**

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad in your pew. It helps us to know that you are here, as part of God's Family. **For those of you who are visiting us today, we welcome you as a part of this Church Family.** If you give us your contact information, we will let you know of other family events and ministries that are happening. **Please also, Visitors,** if you could fill out the Marketing Form in the Friendship Pads, that would give us an idea how you found out about us. **To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God is glad you have chosen to worship this morning.**

**PRELUDE**

**"Raiders in the Night"**

**by Randall Hartsell**

**Played by Jonathan Nurnberg**

**\*OPENING WORDS**

**Liturgist Steve Ahlquist**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Verses from Proverbs 3 (Responsively)**

**Liturgist Steve**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

**<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make your paths straight.**

Do not be wise in your own eyes;

respect the Lord and shun evil.

**Blessed are those who find Wisdom,  
those who gain Understanding;**

for Wisdom is more profitable than silver and  
yields better return than gold.

**Let us worship Our Very Wise God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“For All the Saints”**

**#526**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Steve

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Steve

**Lord God, many voices come our way. It is sometimes hard to distinguish what is aligned with You and what is devious and perverse. We get confused. When that happens, we sometimes make hasty decisions. We follow our own knowledge, not relying on our understanding of Your ways. Often, we make wrong decisions and do things that are not pleasing to You. Help us to search for You in Scripture and in prayer. Give us wisdom and discernment. We need You, O God.**

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

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Steve

God hears our prayers of repentance.

**God hears our cries for help.**

God listens to our confession.

**God listens to our pleads for wisdom.**

God is completely aware of what we have done wrong.

**But God loves us and forgives us, anyway!**

Through the life, death and resurrection of our Savior and Lord,

we are loved and forgiven all our sins.

**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**

Liturgist Steve

**Wisdom Literature: Proverbs 30: 24-33 (From the Sayings of Agur)**

<sup>24</sup> Four things on earth are small,  
yet they are exceedingly wise:

<sup>25</sup> the ants are a people without strength,  
yet they provide their food in the summer;

<sup>26</sup> the badgers are a people without power,  
yet they make their homes in the rocks;

<sup>27</sup> the locusts have no king,  
yet all of them march in rank;

<sup>28</sup> the lizard can be grasped in the hand,  
yet it is found in kings' palaces.

<sup>29</sup> Three things are stately in their stride;  
four are stately in their gait:

<sup>30</sup> the lion, which is mightiest among wild animals  
and does not turn back before any;

<sup>31</sup> the strutting rooster, the he-goat,  
and a king striding before his people.

<sup>32</sup> If you have been foolish, exalting yourself,  
or if you have been devising evil,  
put your hand on your mouth.

<sup>33</sup> For as pressing milk produces curds,  
and pressing the nose produces blood,  
so pressing anger produces strife.

**Proverbs 31:8-9 (From the Sayings of King Lemuel) (In Unison)**

**“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.**

**For the rights of all who are destitute,  
speak up and judge fairly.**

**Defend the rights of the poor and needy.”**

**Proverbs 31:25-31 (Words about a Woman’s Noble Character)**

Pastor Roxie

She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom, and  
faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household and  
does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her;

“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her the reward she has earned, and  
let her works bring her praise at the city gates.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Pastor Roxie

**SERMON**                      **“The Making of a Leader”**                      Pastor Roxie

**HYMN**                      **“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**                      **Insert**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**                      Liturgist Steve  
**Offertory Music**

**\*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 PEOPLE**    **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**                      Pastor Roxie

**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**                      **“Here I Am, Lord”**                      **#525**

**BENEDICTION (Unison)**

**The Fear—Reverence/Awe-- of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the Knowledge of God is Understanding.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FRIENDSHIP: Please sign the Friendship Register and make sure others around you have a chance. **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 and/or phone number so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church. The Friendship Sheets 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.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Steve Ahlquist. The greeter today is Sid LaFrance. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Mark Schian and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour host is Jacquie Green. The Sanctuary Flowers are from Ann Cleland Murphy in memory of Martha Jean Cleland.

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 month of May and June. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

FPC T-SHIRTS: If you ordered a shirt, please pick up it up at the church office. The shirts are \$11 each, please pay Mark Schian or ask Peggy Ruthven. We are taking signups for a second order of t-shirts at the church office. We need 10 more orders to complete the order.

FOOD PANTRY: Please remember those who are suffering from food insecurities by donating non-perishable food to the Bluewater Community Food Depot. Monetary donations are also welcomed. There

is a collection container in the church foyer off the parking lot and Sanctuary entrance.

PROVIDING MEALS: Do you like to cook? Please consider joining the Meal Team to provide meals to our church family who have just gotten out of the hospital. Sign up at the church office counter.

VISITOR FOLLOW-UP: If you are interested in following up with visitors after they have come to worship or an event, sign up at the church office counter.

NURSERY SUBSTITUTE: If anyone is interested in being a substitute for the Nursery as needed, please inform the church office.

THANK YOU: The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generosity in supporting our G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) program, the World Wildlife Fund (W.W.F), and Audubon Society. Together we raised \$572.67 for the 7 animals that will be weekly mascots next year! Thank you!

JOB OPENING: We have a job opening for the Children's Christian Education Coordinator. The job description has been revised. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested - please speak with Pastor Roxie or Steve Ahlquist or pick up a job description on the 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**

**BIBLE 101 CLASS (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth): TODAY 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 review some of the Old Stories: Abraham and Sarah, Mothers in the Old Testament, Moses, Miriam and Aaron, David, Bathsheba and Samuel. This is an easy, fun,**



and convenient way to read and study the Bible in preparation for hearing the Word preached.

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 WEDNESDAY NIGHT: **Wednesday night** adult class is at **7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. This group is always growing, join us and *Bring a Friend!* It is an ecumenical group. We are studying Heaven and Hell based on Rob Bell's book, "Love Wins."

ADULT CLASS "THE BACKSTORY": **Thursdays at 11:00 AM** in the Parlor. 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.

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH: On **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, *invite a friend to church*, for **First Light Contemporary Worship at 8:30 a.m. and Traditional Worship at 10:00 a.m.** There will be **Fellowship Time** and Coffee Hour between worship services at **9:15 a.m.** and then **Fellowship Time** and celebration of May birthdays and anniversaries at **11:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Take this opportunity to invite a friend or family member for morning of worship, communion, prayer, and fellowship!

LIGHTHOUSE OVERNIGHT: *SAVE THE DATE* -G.I.F.T. and Mountain Movers Youth Trip to the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse for an overnight stay **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**. Any youth interested in going, the deadline for sign up is **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at the church office.

MOTHER'S DAY PLAY: On Mother's Day, the children will present "Mother's of Old." Their rehearsals are Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, time TBD.

BLUE WATER AREA RESCUE MISSION (BWARM) DONATIONS: Throughout the month of April, the Mission and Community Ministry committees will

be collecting the following items for BWARM: Salty snacks (individually wrapped), Brown paper lunch bags, Plastic bags - snack and sandwich size, sugar, new or gently used tennis shoes (all sizes), body wash, white wash cloths, and white fitted sheets (twin size). Bins are placed in the foyer off the parking lot for your donations. There is also a need for volunteers on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Talk to Pastor Roxie if you are interested.

PATHWAYS/CAROLYN'S PLACE DONATIONS: Being a mother can bring great joy and love, coupled with worry and fear. It also can be especially hard if you are dealing with homelessness and fears for your family's safety. Throughout the month of May, the Mission and Community Ministry Committees will be collecting donations for Carolyn's Place, for women fleeing domestic violence and Pathways Shelter for woman and families. Throughout the month of May, they will be collecting the following items:

**Pathways:** Cleaning supplies, diapers, soap and shampoo.

**Carolyn's Place:** Feminine hygienic products, hair dye, diapers, reusable grocery bags, gas, and food cards.

Bins will be placed in the foyer off the parking lot for these items. Please note: If you are giving gas and/or food cards, please put them in an envelope and leave it with Laura in the office or give it to Judith McLean or Kim Matthews. On **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th** the Mission and Community Ministry committees will be taking a free-will offering during the First Light Worship and Traditional Worship to benefit Port Huron's Pathway Shelter for women and families and Carolyn's Place.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./4-29:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
Wed./5-1:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Wednesday Night Adult Class	7:00 PM
Thurs./5-2:	Memorial Hand Bells Practice	9:30 AM
	Adult Class: The Backstory	11:00 AM
Sat./5-4:	Devin Scillian and Arizona Son	7:30 PM
	at First United Methodist Church (828 Lapeer Ave)	
Sun./5-5:	Invite a Friend to Church!	
	Practice for Children's Mother's Day Play	11:30 AM

*\*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.*

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