

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 14, 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 AND PRELUDE**

*(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 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 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.**

**\*OPENING WORDS**

Liturgist Sid LaFrance

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP Verses from Proverbs 3 (Responsively)** Liturgist Sid

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge God, and He 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 God who is very wise.**

**\*OPENING HYMN "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" #262**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Sid

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Sid

**Lord, You know us well. You encourage us to be wise, but we enjoy the folly of our own ways. We think that we don't need to listen to You. We hear the desires and wants of our own heart. We forget that You created us to be Your children—to be like You. We fail at loving unconditionally. We speak, sometimes out of rage, rather than out of kindness. Help to hear your voice throughout our days. Let the Proverbs of Your Word find a home in our hearts. Direct our feet on the path of Your righteousness rather than on the path of our self-centeredness.**

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

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Sid

Christ on the cross reaches out to us.

**With arms open wide, Jesus shares God's eternal love for us.**

Christ proclaims God's love in His words of forgiveness.

**"They know not what they do."**

Christ knows our hearts and still loves us.

**We are loved and we are 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

**WORDS FROM LADY WISDOM**

Judith McLean

**WORDS FROM KING SOLOMON**

Steve Ahlquist

**SCRIPTURES**

**Old Testament:**

**Various Verses from the Book of Proverbs**

**Chapters 10-19**

**Pastor Roxie and Liturgist Sid**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Pastor Roxie

**SERMON** “The Teaching of Life Skills” Pastor Roxie

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Trust and Obey” Soloist Sid LaFrance

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Pastor Roxie  
**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 Sid

**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** “Be Thou My Vision” #339

**BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

**Fear of the Lord—Respect and Honor of the Lord—  
is the beginning of wisdom  
And Knowledge of the Holy One 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 Sid LaFrance. The greeter today is Sid LaFrance. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Steve Ahlquist and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour host is Laura Dahnke. The Sanctuary Flowers are from Sue Murvich in honor of Spring.

**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:** The FPC t-shirts are in! If you ordered a 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. We are taking signups for a second order of t-shirts at the church office. We have to have 24 shirts to 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. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

VISITOR FOLLOW-UP: If you are interested in following up with visitors after they have come to worship or an event, please let the office know.

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

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

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**

TWO-FOR-ONE GIVING: Support our G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) program and endangered species during Fellowship Time on **Sundays, April 14th and 21st.** Both the World Wildlife Fund (W.W.F) and Audubon Society will send a stuffed animal of our choosing for a \$60 donation. This stuffed animals will be the weekly mascots for the G.I.F.T. program next year. There are 7 animals to choose from, donations can be made to one or many of your favorite animals. Who will raise the most money? Thank you for supporting our kids and helping these amazing creatures!

WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS (W.I.N.) CLASS: TODAY at 11:30 a.m. the W.I.N. Class will meet in the Parlor. 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 satisfy your curiosity about both what is happening here at the local church, the national church and around the world. We will see a video about basic Presbyterian beliefs as they compare to other denominations, the history of the democratic structure of Presbyterian churches, and we will get to know others who have come to the class. Informative and Interesting!

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** class is at **7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. We will continue with the “Nooma” video series by Rob Bell until May 8<sup>th</sup> when we will be starting “The Chosen” Season 4. This group is always growing, join us and Bring a Friend! It is an ecumenical group.

ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: On **Thursdays (11 AM)**- 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. The Preaching Series for the month of April is “Words to Live By (Proverbs)”.

BLUE WATER AREA RESCUE MISSION (BWARM) DONATIONS: Throughout the month of April, the Mission and Committee 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.

TOPICAL PRESENTATION FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE: Learn about vegetable and flower gardening from a Christian Perspective on **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** in the Choir Room. Several experienced Flower Gardeners will give good advice about flower gardening and one competent Vegetable Gardener will share some insights about vegetable gardening.

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. Please start thinking about who you might invite to join you for a morning of worship, prayer and fellowship!

*\*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./4-15: Financial Counters	9:00 AM
Christian Education Committee	4:15 PM
Wed./4-17: Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
Mission Committee	4:30 PM
Wednesday Night "Nooma" Class	7:00 PM
Thurs./4-18: Hand Bells Practice	<b>9:30 AM</b>
Adult Class: The Backstory	11:00 AM

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Nursery Assistant: Amy Block

Musicians: Gary Rhody, Elizabeth Roe and Price Smith

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