


WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON

A photograph of tall, thin grasses with delicate pink seed heads, set against a soft, out-of-focus background of more grasses. The lighting is bright and natural, creating a serene and peaceful atmosphere.

**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.**

**PROVERBS 3:5-6**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 7, 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**

Musician, 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 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.**

**\*OPENING WORDS**

Liturgist Judith McLean

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP Proverbs 2: 1-6 (Responsively)**

A father's words to his son (which apply to all of us):

**"My child, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, <sup>2</sup> making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;**

**<sup>3</sup> if you call out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding;**

**<sup>4</sup> if you look for wisdom as for silver, and search for it as for hidden treasure,**

**<sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the Lord and**

find the knowledge of God.

**<sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom, and from God's mouth,  
come knowledge and understanding.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN      "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"      #138**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Liturgist Judith

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)** Liturgist Judith

**Lord, You know us. You call us to be like You: loving, kind, wise, and non-judgmental. We constantly fail to live up to Your standards of love and forgiveness. We use our own judgment rather than relying on Your Word and Your Wisdom. We spend a lot of time trying to understand our world. But we whittle away our time in understanding Your will and purpose for our lives. Help us to trust You more and understand You more. Help us to not lean on our own understanding. But to acknowledge You as the source of all wisdom. Amen.**

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

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)** Liturgist Judith

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

**Whoever confesses sin and repents of wrongdoing  
will find mercy with God.**

Whoever comes humbly before God and asks for forgiveness,  
will enjoy God's grace.

**We have come, confessing our own arrogance,  
in thinking we are smarter than God.**

Be assured that God knows our ways, but even so,

God forgives us all of 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 Proverbs 3:3-17 (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith and Pastor Roxie

Judith: Let love and faithfulness never leave you;

bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup>Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and others.

Roxie: <sup>5</sup>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 He will make your paths straight.

People: <sup>7</sup>**Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.**

<sup>8</sup>**This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.**

<sup>9</sup>**Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;**

<sup>10</sup>**then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.**

Roxie: <sup>11</sup>My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent His rebuke, <sup>12</sup>because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a father, the child He delights in.

Judith: <sup>13</sup>Blessed are those who find Wisdom, those who gain Understanding,<sup>14</sup> for she is more profitable than silver and yields better

return than gold.

**People: Wisdom—<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. <sup>16</sup> Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. <sup>17</sup> Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Pastor Roxie

**SERMON**

**“Proverbs and Bumper Stickers”**

Pastor Roxie

**\*HYMN**

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

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**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 #101) When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died. My riches gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it Lord, that I should boast. Save in the death of Christ my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**

- Communion
  - Sharing of Bread
  - Sharing of the Cup
- Prayers of the People after Communion Together

**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... We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**(The Singing of 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**

Liturgist Judith

**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 Judith

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth;  
the peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father;  
brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment;  
and live each moment  
In peace eternally;  
let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

**BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

<sup>5</sup>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 He will make your paths straight.

**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Musician, Elizabeth Roe**

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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 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; telling others who we are.

**THANK YOU** for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Judith McLean. The greeter today is Sid LaFrance. The Tech Team member running the video and sound board is Mark Schian. The coffee hour host is Jane Penzien. The Sanctuary Flowers are from The Matthew's Family in memory of Roger Ingles.

**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. 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 sign ups for a second order of t-shirts at the church office.

**NURSERY SUBSTITUTE:** If anyone is interested in being a substitute for the Nursery if 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 7th, 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 animal will be the weekly mascot for the G.I.F.T. program next year. Donations can be made to one or many of your favorite animals; there are 7 animals to choose from. Who will raise the most money? Thank you for supporting our kids and helping out these amazing creatures!

PASTOR'S CLASS FOR CHILDREN: **TODAY at 11:30 a.m.** in the Choir Room, the children, their families, and other adults who have a child-like heart and spirit will have the opportunity review The Lord's Prayer and learn the Shema/The Great Commandment.

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, come join us! Bring a Friend! It is an ecumenical group.

**ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: On Thursdays (11 AM, please note the new time)**- 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 “The Book of Proverbs.”

**WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS (W.I.N.) CLASS**: On **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

**BLUE WATER AREA RESCUE MISSION DONATIONS**: Throughout the month of April, the Mission and Committee Ministry committees will be collecting the following items for the Blue Water Area Rescue Mission: 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.

*\*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./4-8:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
	Deacons	4:00 PM
	Session	7:00 PM
Wed./4-10:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Wednesday Night “Nooma” Class	7:00 PM
Thurs./4-11:	Adult Class: The Backstory	11:00 AM
Sat./4-13:	The Chapelaires at Wadhams Baptist Church	6:00 p.m.
	Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic	7:30 p.m.
	at First United Methodist Church	

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Nursery Attendant: Elizabeth Block  
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.***