

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON

“He is not here; for

*He has been raised,*

as he said. Come see  
the place where he

lay.” Matthew 28:6



EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

*~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~*  
**(Preaching Series: Christian Disciplines—Sharing the Good News)**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
***He Is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!***

**PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL**

Musician Gary Rhody  
Hymn Trumpet Player, Price Smith

**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.**

**SONG, CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

Helen, Alex and Betty Vandawaker  
**"Everybody Has a Little Light to Shine"**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Barry Meier

**\*OPENING WORDS**

Today we celebrate the greatest day in history!

**Today we shout out, "Alleluia"**

Christ arose from the grave!"

**The tomb is empty!**

Christ is alive and present with us.

**He is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

**#123**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Barry

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Barry

**O God, on this joyful day, we bring our whole selves to You. We know that we have not always sought Your presence in our lives or in our worship. Often we are overwhelmed by the troubles of this world. We fail to trust the central truth that You, as the Risen Lord, abide with us always. In Your resurrection from the dead, You promise Your light in our darkness. Forgive us, and help us to seek You everyday. Forgive us, and help us to share You with others.**

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

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Barry

Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!

**The Risen Lord destroys death and conquers darkness.**

Receive the Good News: Your sins are forgiven.

**Through God’s love, we are promised God’s blessings,  
no matter what our circumstances.**

Christ is risen and lives among us.

**Alleluia! 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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Alleluia, Give Thanks”**

Pop-Up Adult Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Pastor Roxie

**SCRIPTURE**

**Gospel Reading Matthew 28 (Responsive Reading)**

Pastor Roxie and Liturgist Barry; Congregation speaks the Bold Print  
The Resurrection of Jesus

Roxie: After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing, white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women,

Barry: “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

<sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said,

People: **“Greetings!” And the women came to Him, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”**

### The Report of the Guard

Barry: <sup>11</sup> While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. <sup>12</sup> After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> telling them, “You must say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ <sup>14</sup> If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

### The Commissioning of the Disciples

Roxie: <sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them,

**People: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

**\*HYMN**

**“Because He Lives”**

Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

### Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

### Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives

### Chorus

### Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns

### Chorus

Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither

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**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor Roxie**

**SERMON**

**“Go Share the Good News”**

Pastor Roxie

**SPECIAL MUSIC “The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference”**

Soloist, Barry Meier

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**“Now Peace Abides”**

Pastor Roxie

Hegarty

**\*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**

Liturgist Barry

**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**

**“Thine Is the Glory” (Verses 1 and 2)**

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**\*BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

Pastor Roxie

**May the Lord bless you and keep you;**

**May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and**

**be gracious unto you;**

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace!

**May we go from here, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

He is Risen! **He is Risen, Indeed!**

Go in peace. Amen.

## **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 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 Barry Meier. The greeters today are Anne Wilton, Dorinne Crowell and Barb Wright. The Tech Team members, running the video and sound board are Steve Ahlquist and Paige Cronce.

**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.

**G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) & MOUNTAIN MOVERS:** **TODAY, Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>,** there will **NOT** be classes for Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) & Mountain Movers. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7th.

**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**

EASTER EGG HUNT: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at **11:15 a.m. TODAY**. It will be outside, weather permitting, or in the church if the weather doesn't cooperate. The kids will find empty Easter eggs with Scriptures inside them, and then turn in the eggs to receive a bag of treats.

EASTER DINNER: Pastor Roxie would like to extend an invitation to anyone (single, couple, whatever) who would like to join the Davis' for Easter Dinner. Come **TODAY**, any time after **4:00 PM**. We will eat at **5:00 PM**. If you would like, bring a dish to pass! Please let Pastor Roxie know your intentions.

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be *closed* on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> for Easter Monday.

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 classes will resume this **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.”

**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**: On **Sunday, April 7th 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.

**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 will be 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:**

Sun./3-31:	Easter Sunday	
	Traditional Worship	10:00 AM
	Easter Egg Hunt for Children	11:15 AM
	Easter Dinner at Davis Home	4:00 PM
Mon./4-1:	Easter Monday: Office Closed	
Tues./4-2:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
	Marketing Committee	2:00 PM
	Properties Committee	3:00 PM
	Membership and Outreach Committee	7:00 PM
Wed./4-3:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Wednesday Night "Nooma" Class	7:00 PM
Thurs./4-4:	Adult Class: The Backstory	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Finance Committee	1:00 PM



## **EASTER LILIES**

- Jane Penzien in memory of my sister, JoAnn Garvin.
- Starrla Opferman in honor of my family.
- Howard Owen in memory of Nancy Owen and Ann Vincent.
- Marilyn and Dave Dunn in memory of Charlene Catalina, sister.
- Janet Brown in memory of my husband, Mike.
- Joan Vandawaker in memory of Joan Elizabeth Hoyte.
- In memory of Nancy Ohrling given by her Family.

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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***