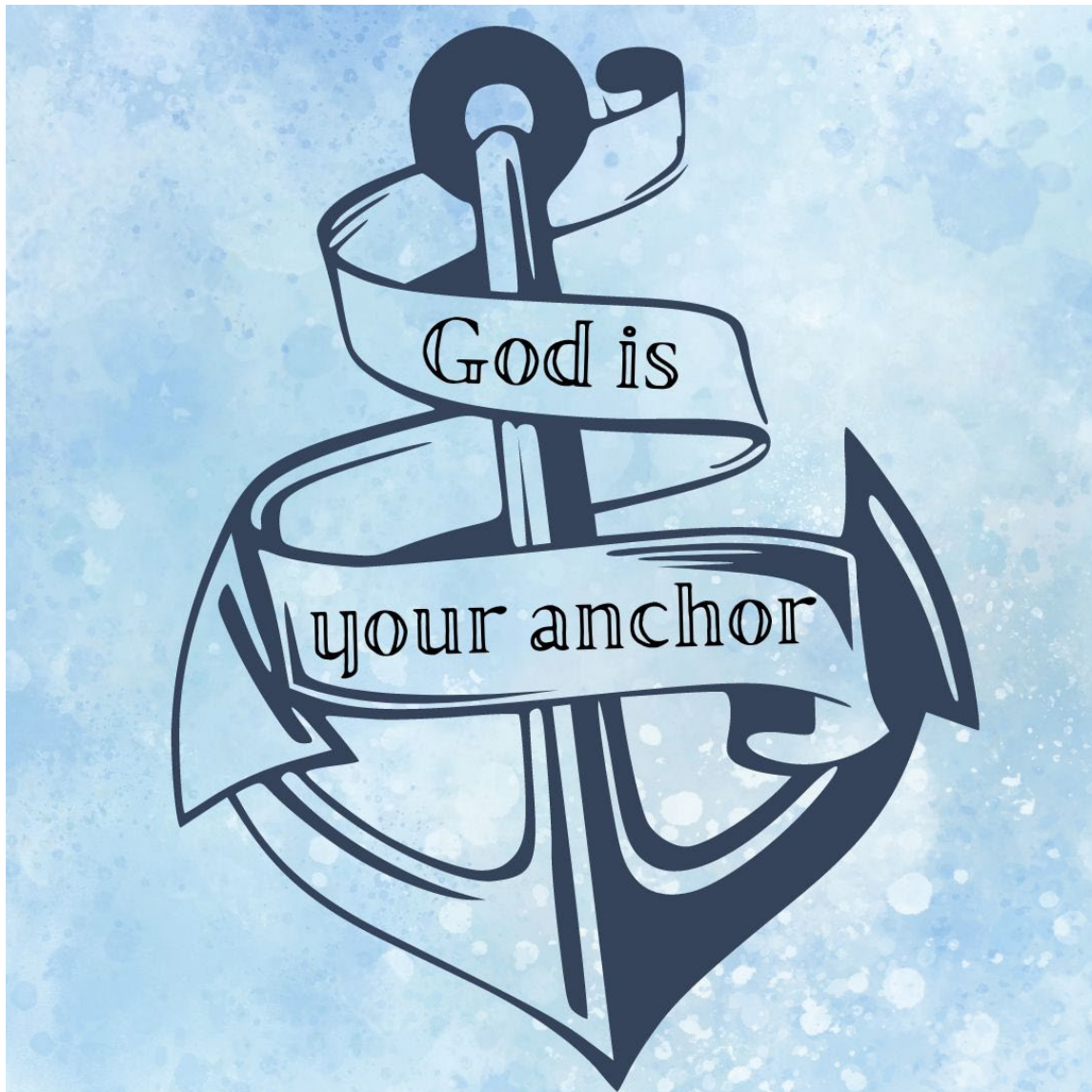


**WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON**



**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 14, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.  
PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS**

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
(July Preaching Series: Change--Transitions)

**PROCESSIONAL and PRELUDE**

Musician Elizabeth Roe

*(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 special 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 Dorinne Crowell

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Liturgist Dorinne

God, the Father is our Anchor, steadying us in the seas of life.

**God, the Son, teaches us how to navigate the seas of life.**

God, the Holy Spirit, dwells in us to give us wisdom and strength to ride out the waves of life.

**Our God is an Awesome God who knows the ropes when it comes to life.**

**May we worship God all the days of our lives.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

**#379**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Dorinne

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Dorinne

**Almighty God, there are moments in our lives where life's tasks get frustrating. The world—our world—gets chaotic. Relationships get messy and take a toll on our patience and kindness. All those factors can often send us into a time of anger, unkind words or the ignoring of the needs of**

**others. We know we are in need of Christ’s forgiveness. We want to be anchored in Your love, O God. Help us when we are unlovable. Allow us to receive Your love and Your forgiveness with open hearts. Lord of our lives, anchor us with Your peace.**

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

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Dorinne

It is through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we are loved and we are forgiven.

**God’s gracious acts allow us to be close to God and not be separated from His presence.**

Thanks be to God that He anchors us in His love.

**Thanks be to God for His mercy which overwhelms us and steadies us for the days ahead.**

**\*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**

**SCRIPTURES**

Liturgist Dorinne and Pastor Roxie

**New Testament Acts 20: Various Verses  
Ephesians 4: 1-5**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Pastor Roxie

**SERMON**

**“God Is Your Anchor”**

Pastor Roxie

**\*HYMN**

**“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

**#562**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Liturgist Dorinne

**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 Dorinne

**THE 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**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**#276**

**BENEDICTION Based on Hebrews 6:19 (Responsively)**

We have this hope.

**A sure and steadfast Anchor of the soul.**

Our Anchor is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**Let us go forth into our world with confidence that our Anchor will hold us steady.**

Go, trusting God who is your Anchor. 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 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 of how you came to worship with us today. **THANK YOU** for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Dorinne Crowell. The greeter today is Dorinne Crowell. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Ken MacBeth and Mark Schian. The coffee hour host is Robin Ferguson. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Judy Hall in memory of Gary and Bradley Hall.

**PNC PRAYER TIME:** Please pray, especially now, for their insights and direction as we move into the future. The Pastor Nominating Committee consist of: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

**PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) ANNOUCEMENT:** The PNC will be hosting a **“Meet and Greet” Open House on Saturday, July 20th** from 4:00-6:00 PM at the church for you to personally meet our candidate. On **Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**, the Pastoral Candidate will lead a special **10:00 AM worship service** and preach. **A Congregational Meeting will be immediately following the 10 AM Traditional Worship**, where the PNC will present our candidate and proposed terms of call. A special celebration coffee hour will be held after the meeting for you to greet the candidate. **There will be NO Beach Worship on July 21st.**

### **UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION**

**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:** **The Wednesday night adult class will be cancelled on July 17<sup>th</sup>** due to the Rotary Day Parade. Instead of class, walk or ride with FPC in the parade! Talk to Sue Brackenbury if you’re interested.

**ROTARY DAY PARADE:** On **Wednesday, July 17th**, First Presbyterian Church will be participating in the Port Huron Rotary International Day Parade as we celebrate Boat Week in the Port Huron area. If you are walking or riding with us, **please be at the staging area by 5:30 PM**, a message will be sent to those signed up for the exact location of the float once we are directed. It will be on Pine Grove Avenue between Erie Street and Glenwood Avenue. **The parade begins at 6:30 PM.** Please wear your church shirt, or a royal blue shirt. Questions? Talk to Sue Brackenbury!

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION FAMILY NIGHT: **July 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 PM** on the lawn just North East of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, bring your family down for face painting, bounce houses, live music, and other fun activities provided by local churches and companies. Pastor Roxie will be walking around dressed as a clown again this year. If you are available to be a face painter at the First Presbyterian Church's tent, please inform the church office or Sue Brackenbury.

ANNUAL YARD SALE: The Mission Committee's Annual Yard Sale will be August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the church parking lot. On **Tuesdays from 12-2:00 p.m.**, gently used and clean donations can be dropped off **through July 30<sup>th</sup> and Sundays through July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** A committee member will be there to accept your donations of clothing, housewares, small appliances, tools, etc. If you have larger items to donate, please coordinate with the church office. *If anyone has a canopy tent available for the church to borrow for the yard sale, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank you!*

BEACH SERVICE: **There will be NO Beach Worship on July 21<sup>st</sup>.** The Beach Worship will resume on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Lighthouse Beach.

CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE AND JAZZ AT THE GAZEBO: Come celebrate Pastor Roxie as her interim pastoral duties will be dissolving at FPC after over three years of service. Her last Sunday of leading worship will be on August 4, 2024. The celebration will be held on **July 26<sup>th</sup>: 1:30-3:30 PM** pool is open- come swim; **4:00-6:00 PM** open house and food will be served at Pastor Roxie's home. Following the celebration, stay for Jazz at the Gazebo, from **7-8:30 PM** which will be in Pastor Roxie's backyard. Pull up a lawn chair to enjoy an evening of outdoor music provided by Price Smith, Adam Batty, the Davis' son-in-law, and other musicians.

UNITED WE SING: **Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m.** downtown Port Huron, more information to come.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP (VBS): Starting **Monday, Aug. 19th-Thurs. August 22nd**, we will have our summer camp (Vacation Bible School) from **5:00-7:30 p.m.** The Christian Education Committee is **looking for volunteers.** Please see the insert to see where they need volunteers and sign up! Please give the insert to one of the CE committee members or put it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Nurnberg.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR HOST:** There are available dates in August and September. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

**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.

**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.

**THE MESSAGE BIBLE:** Our second order of The Message Bible has come in. If you want a Bible that is written in contemporary language, written by a Presbyterian Theologian (Eugene Peterson) and goes back to the original languages of the Bible (Hebrew and Greek), this is the Bible for you. They are available in the Gathering Room and Sanctuary, at no cost to you. Enjoy!!

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Mon./7-15:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
Tues./7-16:	Worship and Music Committee	10:00 AM
	Marketing Committee	2:00 PM
Wed./7-17:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Rotary Day Parade	6:30 PM
	No Adult Class	
Thurs./7-18:	OT Family Night	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Sat./7-20:	Meet and Greet Pastoral Candidate	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Sun./7-21:	No Beach Service	
	Worship Led by Pastoral Candidate	10:00 AM
	Congregational Meeting	11:00 AM
	Special Coffee Hour	11:30 AM

## EVENTS:

**July 17:** Port Huron Rotary International Day Parade for Boat Week

**July 18:** Operation Transformation Family Night

**July 20:** Meet and greet the pastoral candidate, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the church building

**July 21:** One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. with the Pastoral Candidate preaching. A Congregational Meeting to follow – No Beach Service

**July 26:** Celebration Open House at Davis' Home: Pool will be open for swimming from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Open House and serving of food will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Jazz at the Gazebo 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Davis Home

**August 2:** United We Sing, downtown Port Huron, 6-7:30 p.m.

**August 4:** Pastor Roxie's last Sunday

**August 6:** National Night Out, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, sponsored by the 8 Olde Town Churches

**August 19-22:** Summer Bible Camp (VBS) – Volunteers Needed

*\*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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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.***