

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



JULY 7, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

PASTOR ROXIE DAVIS

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~

(July Preaching Series: Transitions—With Pride or Humility?)

PROCESSIONAL and PRELUDE

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 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound" Memorial Hand Bell Choir

OPENING WORDS

Liturgist Sid LaFrance

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Liturgist Sid

God is faithful in all times and in all places.

God is the steadfast One who moves with us through the "changes" of life.

God is the One who leads us through the "transitions" in our lives.

God is our Anchor in the sea of life.

May we tell others, "God is your Anchor."

Let us put our trust in God, as we worship God this morning.

*OPENING HYMN

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Sid

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Sid

Almighty God, sometimes when things change in our lives, we become confused and distracted. We do things that would ordinarily not be in our nature. Sometimes we lash out at others because things feel chaotic. Sometimes we do things that are not appropriate or unwise because we are overwhelmed by the confusion. We confess that we don't always turn to You, God, in those times when we need a steady anchor in our lives. Forgive us for relying on our own resources rather than allowing Your Holy Spirit to work in us. Help us to trust You.

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Sid

God knows change is difficult.

God knows our reaction to change can be misguided.

But God knows how to equip us to handle change.

God sends us His Holy Spirit.

Believe the Good News, in the life, death, resurrection of Jesus, we are loved and forgiven.

The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our midst.

***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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"This is My Country"

Soloist Sid

SCRIPTURE

Liturgist Sid and Pastor Roxie

New Testament: Book of Acts: Chapter 1: 1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Roxie

SERMON

“Passing the Baton”

Pastor Roxie

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn: Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread #505

- 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: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, Holy, Holy merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.)**
- 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. (silence)...

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray (and to sing) the Lord's Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (The Singing and Signing 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
Offertory Music**

Liturgist Sid

***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

***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)

Go in peace.

Let us rely on God, throughout our changing world.

Let us remember that Jesus Christ abides with us always.

The Holy Spirit is our constant companion.

Amen and 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 Sid LaFrance. The greeter today is Judith McLean. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Ken MacBeth and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour hosts are Linda LaFrance and Jacquie Green. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Linda and Sid LaFrance in honor of Linda and Sid LaFrance's Anniversary and in memory of Nelson Bartley and Connie LaFrance.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship to celebrate those who have a July birthday and/or anniversary.

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 is pleased to announce that we have identified a candidate for our next pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron!

Our candidate will lead a special **10:00 AM** worship service and preach on **Sunday, July 21, 2024** and for that day the Beach Service will be canceled so that we can be together as one congregation. Immediately following the service, we will hold a Congregational Meeting 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. We want those of you who are "Friends of the church" to be there also.

The PNC is preparing information about our candidate which will be sent out shortly, as we're sure you are anxious to learn more. Additionally, 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.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

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., the sacraments of the Holy Communion and Baptism, and 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 you're curious. Informative and Interesting! Also, those who are interested in Baptism need to be there.

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. We will be viewing "The Chosen" Season 4, Episode 2. There are study books available for you at no cost.

ANNUAL YARD SALE: The Mission Committee's Annual Yard Sale will be August 9th and 10th in the church parking lot. On **Tuesdays from 12-2:00 p.m.**, gently used and clean donations can be dropped off **through July 30th and Sundays through July 28th 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: The Beach Service will continue **Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m.** at Lighthouse Beach (2900 Conger Street). Bring your own

chair and join us for worship with a beautiful view! *If it rains, the Beach Worship will be in the First Light room at 8:00 a.m. at the church building. Please note there will be NO Beach Worship on July 21st.*

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. We would love for you to walk or ride with us or help us create our props- help share the message about First Presbyterian Church. The theme of the parade is “All Hands on Deck - A Century of Sailing” and First Presbyterian will be letting the community know that “God is Your Anchor.” If you would like to participate in the parade, please sign up **TODAY** at the church office counter. There will be seats available on the float for people to sit and ride in the parade. Please wear your church shirt, or blue, or white shirts. Questions? Talk to Sue Brackenbury!

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION FAMILY NIGHT: **July 17th from 5-9 PM** on the lawn just North East of the 10th 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.

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 26th : 1:30-3:30 PM** pool is open- come swim; **5:00-7:00 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.

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.****

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./7-8: Financial Counters

9:00 AM

	Deacon and Session Combined Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed./7-10:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Adult Class: The Chosen Season 4	7:00 PM

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