

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Sunday, September 1, 2024

10:00 AM

Rev. Kathy Tessin

*** indicates when to stand, as you are able**

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

Rev. Kathy Tessin

Welcome to all of you who came because someone invited you!

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad in your pew so that we can get to know you. **To all, new or seasoned, we believe God is glad you chose to worship this morning.**

***OPENING WORDS**

Rev. Tessin

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

God teaches us the way of righteousness,

The way of love, the way of peace.

We glorify God,

Gathering to hear God's word.

We glorify God,

Enacting God's word in the world.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith McLean

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Judith

Holy and merciful God,

In your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Judith

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 15 (NRSVue)

Liturgist Judith

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 1: 17-27 (NRSVue)

Rev. Tessin

SERMON

“Are You Listening?”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional, p. 14)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#513

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

... therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son ...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Please wait until all have received their element cups; we will partake of this heavenly feast together at the minister's prompting.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***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.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Musician Elizabeth

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 email 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 Judith McLean. The greeter is Joan Vandawaker. The Tech Team members running the sound and video board are Ken MacBeth and Paige Cronce. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Pat Schattler in memory of loved ones.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

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

LABOR DAY: The office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

FIRST LIGHT WORSHIP: First Light Contemporary Worship will resume on **Sunday, September 15th at 8:30 AM**. Please join us in the Community Activity Room at the church for contemporary music and a relevant message!

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. The group will be viewing “The Chosen” Season 4, Episode 8. This is the last episode of this season. The adult class will be moving to a new study the following week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SIGN UP: Please see the insert for more information about signing up as a volunteer teacher this upcoming year of Sunday School beginning September 15, 2024.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: Worship and the Annual Church Picnic will be held next **Sunday, September 8th at 10:00 AM** at Fort Gratiot County Park Pavilion (3325 Metcalf Road, Fort Gratiot) in the covered pavilion. The day will begin with worship at 10:00 AM followed by a pot-luck picnic. *There will be no worship at the church building on that day.* Hamburgers and hot dogs (along with all the fixings), beverages and paper goods will be provided. If you’re able, please bring a salad or dessert to share. Please, also, bring a lawn chair. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Schian.

SONSHINE SISTERS ANNUAL TEA: Mystery solved! You will find out who your Sonshine Sister was at the one and only meeting of the group in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, September 14th at 1:00 PM.** Tea will be served. In addition to finding out who your sister was, you will also be able to pick who your sister will be for the upcoming year. This is for new and past participants and will be the only time you will be able to join for the year. Please sign up at the office counter by Sunday, September 8th. The sign up is for current participants and those who would like to join this upcoming year.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: We will begin First Presbyterian Church’s annual Stewardship Campaign on **September 15th.** This year, we’re exploring “A Culture of Generosity”, with three Sundays focusing on Legacy, Scarcity, Abundance. We’ll wrap up the campaign with a special Service of the Lord’s Table Worship on **October 6th,** which will include a special recognition and blessing of Gary Rhody as he retires from his years of sharing his gift of musicianship.

BEAUTIFUL ME WORKSHOP: A “Be-YOU-tiful” 4-Part Workshop Series will be held at FPC afterschool on **Tuesday and Thursdays, September 17th, 19th, 26th and 26th from 4:00-6:15 PM.** This workshop is an original self-esteem building series for 4th-5th grade girls and is \$5 per registrant. It includes a t-shirt, workbook, swag, and fun activities. For more information and to register, please see the flier on

the office counter or on our Facebook page, or talk to Sue Brackenbury. Limited to 20 participants-online registration is due by Sunday, September 8th.

GOLDEN AGES LUNCHEON: Save the Date! **Saturday, September 28, 2024** from 12:00–2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall- the Board of Deacons is planning a “Golden Ages Luncheon.” Honored guests are 80 years or older.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATION REQUEST: For the month of September, the Board of Deacons is collecting for our local schools. We are requesting school supplies (pencils, glue sticks, crayons, etc) and also individually wrapped snacks (Goldfish, Cheeze-its, pretzels,etc) that could be distributed to students as needed. Donations can be placed in the box in the entrance off the parking lot. Thank you in advance for your help!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR HOST: There are available dates in September and October. 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 the Personnel Committee: Shelley Kamer, Marilyn Dunn 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.

***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.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./9-2: Office Closed- Labor Day
Tues./9-3: Financial Counters 9:00 AM
Membership and Outreach Committee 7:00 PM
Wed./9-4: Stitch and Chat 10:00 AM
Finance Committee 10:00 AM
Adult Class 7:00 PM
Sun./9-8: Worship at Fort Gratiot County Park 10:00 AM
Annual Church Picnic to follow

EVENTS:

September 2: Office Closed- Labor Day

September 8: Annual Church Worship and Picnic 10:00 AM at Fort Gratiot County Park (3325 Metcalf Road, Fort Gratiot) Bring a friend or two!

September 14: Sonshine Sisters Annual Tea at 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

September 15: First Light Contemporary Worship Resumes 8:30 AM at the church and Sunday School, both G.I.F.T. and Mountain Movers resumes 10:00 AM

September 17, 19, 24, 26: "be-You-tiful" 4-Park Workshop Series for 4th-5th grade girls, register by September 8th

September 28: Golden Ages Luncheon 12:00-2:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

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