

*Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024*  
*Kirking of the Tartans Service*

In recognition of Reformation Sunday and in celebration of our heritage in the Church of Scotland, we will “Kirk the Tartans” as part of our service of worship. The “Kirking” is a traditional blessing of the clans (families) of the church.

**PRELUDE** Musician, Price Smith

**THE LITTLE ENTRANCE**  
Church Youth, Beadle Bruce Morrison

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Kathy Tessin

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist Matt Lozen

**OPENING WORDS** Liturgist Matt  
(**Responsively**, Psalm 146, Various Verses)

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

We will praise the Lord as long as we live;

**We will sing praises to our God all our life long.**

Happy are those whose help is in the name of the Lord;

**Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord.**

The Lord will reign forever.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “God of the Ages” #262

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Liturgist Matt

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)** Liturgist Matt  
Holy God, You call us to love You with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. Forgive us when selfishness takes up too much of our heart; when worry seems to crowd out faith in Your goodness; when fear causes us to close our minds to anything new. Help us, as You helped those before us, to love our neighbors and love ourselves. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins.) **Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)** Liturgist Matt  
Friends in Christ, know this: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.  
**God's amazing grace is this: Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*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.**

**ANTHEM** **Amazing Grace**  
Kris Hunt, bagpipes; Price Smith, organ

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Rev. Tessin

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Liturgist Matt

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**  
Psalm 46 Liturgist Matt

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**  
Ephesians 2: 11-22 Rev. Tessin

**SERMON**

“Coming Home”

Rev. Tessin

**\*SCOTTISH HYMN**

“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”

#478

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Scots Confession”

(See inside of back cover, paragraph 1 only)

**GIVING OF OUR 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.**

**THE CALLING OF THE CLANS**

Liturgist Matt

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Tessin

**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 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

#438

**\*A SCOTTISH BLESSING**

Rev. Tessin and Congregation

May the blessing of light be on you – light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a

great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.

**And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,  
like a candle set in the window of a house,  
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.**

And may the blessing of the rain be on you, may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines, and sometimes a star.

**And may the blessing of the earth be on you, soft under your feet as you pass along the roads, soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;**

And may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it. May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God. And now may the Lord bless you and bless you kindly. Amen

**POSTLUDE** (*Please be seated for the Postlude*)

**Highland Cathedral**

Bicknell

Price Smith, organ; Kris Hunt, Bagpipes

*Please join us for coffee, tea, and Scottish favors in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service.  
We will also enjoy Scottish dancing.*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH FRIENDSHIP:** Please be sure to sign the Friendship Register. We welcome you as part of our church family whether you are here frequently or for a one-time visit; please give us your email and/or phone number so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Matt Lozen. Our organist/pianist today is Price Smith. The greeters today are Gail MacBeth and Judith McLean. Coffee Hour Host and Sanctuary flowers are provided by the Kirking Committee.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2025: The initial pledge drive produced great fruit. However, we are slightly short of our 2025 goal. Please return your pledges as soon as possible so that the Finance Committee may commence the budgeting process. There are also pledge cards available in the pew pockets and can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you to those that have so generously pledged!

G.I.F.T. (age 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) AND MOUNTAIN MOVERS (4<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade): Please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends following the Children's Message.

FIRST LIGHT WORSHIP: First Light Contemporary Worship will resume next week, **Sunday at 8:30 AM**. Please join us in the downstairs worship space in the Christian Education Wing for contemporary music and a relevant message!

DONATIONS: For November, the Board of Deacons will be collecting new or gently used coats, boots, hats, gloves for students at Woodrow Wilson school. Any youth size is appreciated and will be put to good use.

ANGEL TREE: Information coming soon! Stay tuned for more information.

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.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS: Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let an usher know if you would like one for the service.

THANK YOU: The Mission and Membership and Outreach committees would like to thank everyone who heated up

their taste buds last Sunday with a bowl (or bowls) of hot, spicy chili and then cooled them down with a variety of sweet baked goods. The annual Chili Cook-off (won by David Dahnke with runners-up Sarah Mason and Anne Wilton) raised about \$57 for the Deacons' Fund while the second annual Bake Sale raised \$437.50 which will be added to the money raised at the Mission Committee's annual Yard Sale to benefit Port Huron's four homeless shelters. A warm and blessed thank you to all the bakers and chili makers for helping to make both events a success.

### **UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Explore the Gospel of Luke on **Mondays from 10:30-11:30 AM** in the Parlor, taught by Reverend Tessin. This week we will continue to discuss Chapter 2 and Luke's focus on women and the marginalized. No preparation required; come join us!

**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!

**DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY:** This study will be a video on the historical Jesus, "Behold the Man" on **Wednesday October 30th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. You don't have to attend every week to fully participate. *Bring a friend* and join this ecumenical group!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** On **Sunday, November 3rd**, don't forget to set your clocks back an hour as Daylight Savings Time ends!

**ALL SAINTS DAY WORSHIP:** On **Sunday, November 3rd** during both worship services, we will be remembering members and loved ones who have passed in the last year.

**PEACE AND GLOBAL OFFERING:** The Mission Committee will be collecting a special offering promoting peacemaking and reconciliation on **Sunday, November 3rd** during both worship services. Of the money collected, 100% is given to efforts for Hurricane disaster relief.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION MEETING: There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 3rd at 11:00 a.m.** immediately following the Traditional Worship Service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Treasurer, Clerk of Session, and a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons to fill vacancies for the 2025 calendar year.

CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: **Sunday, Nov 10th** Traditional Service - GIFT and Mountain Movers will meet together in the choir room. Jacquie Green will be leading the kids to make Christmas cards for our Homebound Members.

MOVIE EVENT: The Membership and Outreach Committee would like to invite you to come and enjoy a heart-warming family movie starting at **12 noon** at Sperry's Moviehouse on **Sunday, November 10th**. The movie playing is called "All Saints," and it is \$9.00 per ticket. Please sign up at the church office.

LEARNING "THE STORY": This class is designed for all ages to come hear, read, and explore the stories of the bible. The **next classes will be on November 10th and 17th at 11:30 AM.**

W.I.N. (Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers) CLASS: The next class will be on **Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.**

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF REV. KATHY TESSIN: Please mark your calendars now for **Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** when the Presbytery of Detroit will hold a Service of Installation of Rev. Tessin, to formalize and bless her call to serve First Presbyterian Church, Port Huron. More details in future weeks!

DODWORTH SAXHORN BAND: Invite a friend or bring your family on **Friday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM** and listen to a fun musical storytelling from the Dodworth Saxhorn Band. This event is a free community event, seats will fill up fast.

*\*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./10-28:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
	Adult Bible Study-Luke	10:30 AM
Wed./10-30:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Discipleship Adult Study	7:00 PM

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

November 3: All Saints Day, Congregational Election Meeting  
11:00 AM

November 10: Movie Event “All Saints” at Sperry’s  
Moviehouse, 12:00 PM

November 17: Installation Service of Rev. Kathy Tessin, 3:00  
PM

November 22: Dodworth Saxhorn Band Concert, 7-9 PM

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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.***