

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON**



**Reverend Kathy Tessin  
Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**\* 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)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;

**ALL: the world, and those who live in it.**

Leader: O praise the Lord with me,

**ALL: let us exalt God's name together.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"God of Our Life"**

#275

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Joan Vanderwalker

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Ann Murphy

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison) Liturgist Ann  
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 wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving memory, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** (Responsively) Liturgist Ann  
... 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 Ann

**First Scripture Reading**  
John 10:7-15 Liturgist Ann

**Second Scripture Reading**  
Exodus 35:4 - 36:7 Rev. Tessin

**SERMON** **"Abundance"**

**\*HYMN** **"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1-5)** #210

**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.**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Rev. Tessin

**Offertory Music**

Musician Elizabeth

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"Take My Life" (verses 1, 2, 4 and 6)**

**#391**

**\*SENDING and BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

**POSTLUDE**

Musician Elizabeth

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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 Ann Murphy. The greeter is Joan Vandawaker. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Mark Schian and Laura Gaffney. The coffee hour hosts are Jane Penzien and Starrla Opferman. The sanctuary flowers are in honor of Janet Hanson given by her family.

### UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER)/MOUNTAIN MOVERS: Following the Children's Message, children from grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> can go to the G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) room and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will go to the Mountain Mover room in the Christian Education Wing for weekly Sunday School.

FINANCIAL GIVING CLASS: **TODAY** in the Parlor from **11:30-12:00 PM**, join as Rick Cameron and Rob Williams offer information on various ways to pledge (i.e. cash, stocks, IRA distributions, etc.). This opportunity will also provide ways to include tax-free giving in your financial planning.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: This year, we're exploring "A Culture of Generosity." We'll wrap up the campaign with a special Service **next Sunday, October 6th**, which will include a special recognition and blessing of Gary Rhody, our long-term organist, as he retires. **Remember to return your pledge cards to us by mail, dropping off at the church office this week, or putting them in the offering at next week's Dedication Service!**

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: **Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. The class is working through a six-week series, using a video program based on the book "Not a Fan." Attend one evening or all of them – you don't have to attend every week to fully participate. *Bring a friend* and join this ecumenical group!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Adult Bible Study will be on **Thursdays from 12-1:30 PM** in the Parlor, taught by Reverend Tessin. The class will take a

closer look at the Gospel of Luke over the course of this year – it’s the gospel focused on for this year’s sermon lectionary. The passage being focused on will be included in announcements each week, as well as an email to participants.

**FIRST LIGHT WORSHIP:** First Light Contemporary Worship will be held **Sundays at 8:30 AM.** Please join us in the Community Activity Room at the church for contemporary music and a relevant message!

**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 October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM** and then subsequently on the Second and Third Sundays of each month through the Sunday School year.

**ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND BAKE SALE:** Bring your friends and family and be ready to vote for your favorite chili on **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** following Traditional Worship. There will be many chili recipes to enjoy, as well as baked goods for sale with proceeds supporting Pathways Shelter, Carolyn’s Place, The Harbor, and the Blue Water Area Rescue Mission. Please sign up at the office counter if you would like to bring chili or baked goods.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DONATIONS:** For the month of September, the Board of Deacons will be collecting for our local schools. We are requesting school supplies (pencils, glue sticks, crayons, etc.) and individually wrapped snacks (Goldfish, Cheez-Its, pretzels, etc.) that could be distributed to students as needed. Thank you in advance for your help!

**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. 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.*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./9-29: Financial Counters	9:00 AM
Tues./10-1: Properties Committee	3:00 PM
Membership and Outreach Committee	7:00 PM
Wed./10-2: Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
Discipleship Adult Study	7:00 PM
Thurs./10-3: Adult Bible Study	12:00 PM

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Nursery Attendant: Elizabeth Block  
Nursery Assistant: Amy Block

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