

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON**



**Reverend Kathy Tessin
Sunday, October 6, 2024:
World Communion Sunday and Pledge Dedication
Service of the Lord's Table**

***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: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

ALL: Our Creator promised from the beginning that we would not be alone.

Leader: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

ALL: Our Redeemer proclaimed that everyone is welcome.

Leader: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

ALL: Our Sustainer speaks to us still.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#514

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Joan Vandawaker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Joan

O Lord, our God,

You call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied to turn our faces from injustice and discord. You call us to leave behind our priorities, our identity, and we cling to the familiar and the safe.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and your peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Joan

... 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.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Liz Lozen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Tessin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Joan

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading

Mark 10: 17-27

Liturgist Joan

Second Reading

1 Peter 4: 7-11

Rev. Tessin

SERMON

“A Culture of Generosity”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE OF GARY RHODY

When directed by the pastor, please respond as a congregation with the following:

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ
And celebrate God's call to all who minister among us.**

HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

#525

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/PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS

In recognition of World Communion Sunday, we will be coming forward to meet God's offer of grace and God's call on each of us through the Sacrament of the Lord's Table. Today's communion elements will be administered by intinction. As the usher directs you, those who are able will come forward via the center aisle to receive the piece of bread, and then may dip it into the cup of juice. If preferred, the prepackaged communion cup will be available.

Departing by the side aisles, you will place your offering and pledge into the offering plates before returning to your pews.

For those wishing to remain seated, indicate this need to the usher and the pastor and an elder will be coming out to serve you at the end.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN “Here I Am Lord” (Refrain only) #525

*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 Joan Vandawaker. The greeter is Helenann Norwood. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Mark Schian and Steve Ahlquist. The coffee hour hosts are the Deacons. The sanctuary flowers are in honor of Gary Rhody given by the Session and Worship and Music.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

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

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 **Monday from 10:30 - 11:30 AM** 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. This week we will discuss Luke 1: 5-38.

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 13th and October 20th 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 20th** 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.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS: Come enjoy this unique Scottish-themed worship service with your family and friends on **Sunday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m.**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Please let the ushers know if you would like a large print hymnal or bulletin for use during the worship 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.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./10-7: Financial Counters	9:00 AM
Christian Education Committee	4:15 PM
Wed./10-9: Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
Finance Committee	10:00 AM
Sarah Circle	1:00 PM
Discipleship Adult Study	7:00 PM
Thurs./10-10: Adult Bible Study	12:00 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.***