

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



First Sunday of Christmas - Lessons and Carols Service
Sunday, December 29, 2024

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

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

Musician, Price Smith

(During the Prelude, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind for God's presence in worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist Dorinne Crowell

Welcome to all of you, whether it is your first time visiting with us or this is your spiritual home! 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.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Dorinne

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Dorinne

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Dorinne

God of grace and truth,

In Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Dorinne

“Arise and shine; for your light has come.”

The radiance of God’s glory is in Jesus Christ.

Open your eyes and see the mercy of the Lord.

In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Refrain, “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain – over the hills and everywhere! Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Judith McLean

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Dorinne

~~ **LESSONS AND CAROLS** ~~

FIRST LESSON AND CAROL

Joe and Pat Manatrey

Isaiah 11: 1–3a, 4a, 6

Carol: “The First Nowell” (v. 1, 2, and 3)

#56

SECOND LESSON AND CAROL

Barb Seymore

Micah 5: 2-5a (Responsively)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people

of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.

**And they shall live secure, for now He shall be great
to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the One of peace.**

Matthew 2: 1-6 (Responsively)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Carol: “Once in Royal David’s City” (v. 1 and 2) #49

THIRD LESSON AND CAROL Howard Owen

Luke 2: 1-4

Carol: “Away in a Manger” (v. 1 and 3) #24

FOURTH LESSON AND CAROL Judy Hall

Matt. 1: 20-23/Luke 1: 26-35

***Carol: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (v. 1 and 3) #23**

FIFTH LESSON AND CAROL Judith McLean

Luke 2: 5-7

Carol: “Silent Night” (v. 1-3) #60

SIXTH LESSON AND CAROL

Ken MacBeth

Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1: 38, 46-49

Carol: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (v. 1 and 3)

#27

SEVENTH LESSON AND CAROL

Janet Brown

Luke 2: 8-14

Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (v. 1 and 2)

#31

EIGHTH LESSON AND CAROL

Howard Owen

Luke 2: 15-20

*Carol: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (v. 1 and 3)

#29

NINTH LESSON AND CAROL (Responsively)

Jacque Green

Isaiah 9: 2, 6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

**those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Carol: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (v. 2 and 3)

#28

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist Dorinne

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Music

Liturgist Dorinne
Musician, Price

***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**

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***CLOSING HYMN**

"Joy to the World" (v. 1 and 4)

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***SENDING and BENEDICTION**

... now and forever. Alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

Musician, Price

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FRIENDSHIP: Please be sure to sign the Friendship Register, and provide your email 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 Dorinne Crowell, and we also thank all of our readers listed in this bulletin. The Tech Team members working the sound board and video are Mark Schian and Paige Cronce. The greeter is Gail MacBeth. The Coffee Hour Hosts are Pat Schattler and Janet Brown.

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND COFFEE HOUR: There are available dates in December and January. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible Study this Monday; we'll resume January 6th.

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY: We will not be gathering this week due to New Year's Day. The study will resume January 8th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./12-30:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
Tues./12-31:	Church Office Closing	12:00 PM
Wed./1-1:	HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY! Church Office Closed	
Thurs./1-2:	Church Office Closed	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 1st & 2nd: Happy New Year! Office Closed

January 11: Mandatory training for Ruling Elders on Session and Deacons,
9:00 AM-12 PM

**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.***