

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Reverend Kathy Tessin
Sunday, January 5, 2025
Service of the Lord's Table

*** 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

Rev. Kathy Tessin

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 present, we believe God is glad you chose to worship this morning.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Rev. Tessin

The Word became flesh and lived among us

And we have seen his glory.

The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

“As with Gladness Men of Old” (v. 1-3)

#63

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith McLean

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Judith

Holy God,

We confess that we are a distracted people, and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation.

By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Liturgist Judith
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Liturgist Judith
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***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 Rev. Tessin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist Judith

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading Sirach 24: 1-12 Liturgist Judith
Second Reading Luke 2: 21-40 Rev. Tessin

SERMON "Anna's Voice" Rev. Tessin

HYMN "What Child is This?" #53

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from the PC(USA) Confession of 1967
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of all humans' minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing

power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving into relationship sinful humans. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STAR WORDS

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Tessin

The Presbyterian Church (USA) believes the table of our Lord is a gift of grace open to all. All who feel the movement of the Holy Spirit are welcome to come forward and be fed.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Responsively)

Rev. Tessin
Liturgist Judith

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

... 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.

We give you thanks ...

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

Rev. Tessin

The congregation will follow the directions of the ushers, coming to the middle aisle when directed and coming forward to receive the gift of bread and the juice of the vine. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Member of Mountain Mover Class
Offertory Music Musician Price

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**

Member of Mountain Mover Class

***CLOSING HYMN** "What Star is This, with Beams so Bright" #68

***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Musician Price

A Year of Prayer

In this new year, we will seek together to discern God's direction for First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron. An essential part of discerning God's will is a life filled with, and informed by, prayer. Each week, a weekly morning and evening prayer will be provided in the bulletin; they are one possible starting point in adding prayer to your life outside of our worship time together. Use them as a family; with a spiritual friend; or for your own personal conversation with God.

Please take home the insert of the Morning and Evening Prayers.

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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 Judith McLean. The greeter is Shelley Kamer. The coffee hour host is Starrla Opferman. The Birthday/Anniversary Cake is provided by Membership and Outreach. Thank you to the members of the Tech Team running the sound board and video. The sanctuary flowers are in honor of Judith McLean provided by her mother, Betty McLean.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Barb Seymore, for the gift to our children of handmade knit stockings and goodies inside for the gift of their participation in our Christmas worship services! There are still some available in a box in the Gathering Room downstairs.

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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 January and February. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

AN AFTERNOON OF THEATRE!: Join First Presbyterian for an outing of live theatre! January 12, at 3:00 PM, we have a block of tickets to attend Enter Stage Right (ESR) Theatre's production of the classic play, "Our Town." ESR is located at 609 Huron Ave., in the back of The Citadel. Tickets are \$10; you can sign up at the reception desk in the Gathering Room off the parking lot. Additionally, we will be having lunch together before the show at Pompeii's Italian Eatery, 1120 Military St., for anyone that wants to join us. The theatre opens for seating at 2:30 PM.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Explore the Gospel of Luke- The class will resume on **Monday, January 6th at 10:30 a.m.**, when we will begin looking at Luke 8 and the Parable of the Sower. No preparation required; come join us in the new year!

STITCH AND CHAT: A group of women meet each Wednesday morning from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** to Stitch and Chat. The group will resume this **Wednesday, January 8th**. Bring your latest project, or come to chat!

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY: Class will resume Wednesday evenings on **January 8th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, and we'll continue with our "The Best Yes" study.

ALL ELDERS AND DEACONS: On **Saturday, January 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** there will be mandatory training for Ruling Elders on Session and Deacons, in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be provided. Also, any member of the church is welcome to attend the presentation by Rev. Kathy Tessin at 11:00 a.m. that morning at the end of the training.

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH: On **Saturday, January 11th at 12:00 p.m.**, we are looking for assistance with undecorating the church. Please come to help if you can.

**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./1-6:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Christian Education Committee	4:30 p.m.
Tues./1-7:	Properties Committee	3:00 p.m.
	Membership and Outreach Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wed./1-8:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Finance Committee	10:00 a.m.
	Sarah Circle	1:00 p.m.
	Discipleship Adult Class	6:00 p.m.
Sat./1-11:	Ruling Elders and Deacons Training	9:00 a.m.
	Undecorating the Church	12:00 p.m.
Sun./1-12:	Ruling Elder/Deacon Installation	10:00 a.m.
	Pompeii's Italian Eatery Lunch	12:30 p.m.
	"Our Town" Theatre Outing	3:00 p.m.

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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.***