

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



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Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 16, 2025
Rev. Kathy Tessin

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

PROCESSIONAL

Musician Elizabeth Roe

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, in-person or online, we believe God is glad you chose to worship this morning.**

PRELUDE

Musician Elizabeth

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Rev. Tessin

Come as you are.

If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry.

If you know every scripture or none at all,

if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,

or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,

come as you are.

This is God's house.

None are turned away. All are welcome here.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Steve Ahlquist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Steve

God of Grace,

We long to do the "right" thing. We long to make the "right" choice. We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Liturgist Steve
.... from God's love.
Thanks be to God!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Tessin
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***SUNG RESPONSE** Tune #85
What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What won-drous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heav-y cross for my soul!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Tessin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist Steve

SCRIPTURE READING
First Reading Psalm 27 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, OT Pg. 503-504] Liturgist Steve
Second Reading Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, NT Pg. 72] Rev. Tessin

SERMON "everything [in] between: faith & works"

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

***SERMON HYMN** "Ministry and Presence"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in a Christ who teaches, sees, affirms,
and celebrates all of who we are.**

**We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good
and celebrates every step we take in that direction.**

**We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties
and is gentle with our concerns.**

**We believe in a Christ who understand our anxieties
and is gentle with our concerns.**

And we believe in a Christ who looks at us with undiluted love.

**The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners,
but we know love has no limit.**

So with God's help, may we both nurture our faith and do good work.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Tessin

In response to hearing the words "Show us your mercy!", respond with: **Hear our prayer!**

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

Offertory Music

Rev. Tessin

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**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Musician Elizabeth

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU ELIZABETH! We are sad to announce that Elizabeth Roe, one of our worship service accompanists, is going to have to come off of our regular schedule. We are grateful to her for sharing her gifts with us over the last couple years, and we will look forward to still seeing her occasionally, as she has agreed to help us out by filling in when needed!

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 Steve Ahlquist. The greeter is Judith McLean. The tech team members running the sound board and video are Mark Schian and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour hosts are Linda Hall and Starrla Opferman. The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Ray Morehead, given by Jacquie Green.

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 March, April, and May. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

PRINTED SERMONS: Previous sermons are printed and available on the table near the church office desk in the Gathering Room.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: The annual **One Great Hour of Sharing** campaign will be continuing through **Easter Sunday**. This offering is the single, largest way Presbyterians can join together to share God's love with people in need around the world, specifically within three programs Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Self-Development of People (32%), sponsored by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Last year, First Presbyterian gave \$1,559.14. The fish banks will be collected on **Palm Sunday (April 13)** while the special OGHS envelopes will be collected on **Easter Sunday (April 20)**.

FACEBOOK: We would love it if you would like and/or share our events and posts on Facebook!

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

LAY PREACHER TRAINING/PART II: Our final class of the Lay Liturgist/Preacher Training will be held on **Sunday, March 30, from 11:30-12:30 p.m.** in the church Parlor.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER: The community 40 days of prayer will be held on Sundays from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** **TONIGHT'S** prayer will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church (1440 6th Street, Port Huron).

OLDE TOWNE LENTEN SERIES: This Thursday, the Olde Towne churches have a Lenten Lunch & Worship, with the theme "Giving Up" Join your sister churches in the downtown area for a soup luncheon, and a short worship and message. 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. at St. John's UCC on 7th St.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Come join in the in-depth reading and discussion of the Gospel of Luke. **Monday at 10:30 a.m.** in the Church Parlor. We will be looking at Luke, Chapter 13 (Chapter 15 of our workbook).

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

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY: **Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** We will be using the Lenten Devotional, and trying the practices of *lectio divina* and *visio divina*. Curious? Come join us and find out how these practices can enhance your engagement with God’s Word! All are welcome.

AN AFTERNOON OF THEATER!: Enter Stage Right (609 Huron Ave, Port Huron) is presenting “Steel Magnolias” at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 23rd**. Please join us prior for lunch at **12:00 p.m.** at Lynch’s Tavern (210 Huron Ave, Port Huron). Tickets for the show are \$15.00 each. We need reservation for a seat TODAY so that we can purchase tickets – see Pastor Kathy if you have any questions.

BRASS & SASS CONCERT: The local big band, “Brass & Sass,” will be holding a concert in our Fellowship Hall on **Friday, April 4, 2025 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**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./3-17:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	6:30 p.m.
Wed./3-19:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Mission Committee	12:00 p.m.
	Sarah Circle	1:00 p.m.
	Discipleship Adult Class	6:00 p.m.
Thurs./3-20:	Lenten Luncheon at St. John’s	12:00 p.m.
Sun./3-23:	Lunch at Lynch’s Tavern	12:00 p.m.
	“Steel Magnolias” Theater Outing	2:00 p.m.

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Volunteer: Beth Shoffner
Musicians: Elizabeth Roe and Price Smith
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.**