

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



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Fifth Sunday in Lent – A Service of Word & Table

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Rev. Kathy Tessin

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

PROCESSIONAL

Musician Price Smith

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

Musicians from Port Huron School for Strings

Gabriel's Oboe – Moriconne

(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

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

We long for community. We long for God.

We come to worship because we need a good word.

We need connection. We need moral reminders.

We come to worship because we are in between:

hope and grief; faith and doubt; joy and longing; curiosity and conviction.

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle!

Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

“Righteous Mercy”

(To the tune of “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Hymn #1)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith McLean

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Judith

Merciful God,

When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.

When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right.

Again and again, bring us closer to you.

Again and again, show us the way.

(Silence) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

When we fail to be righteous,

God is merciful.

When we fail to be merciful,

God invites us to try again.

Again and again,

God moves closer to us.

Again and again,

God shows us the way.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Tessin

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Tune #85

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Musicians from Port Huron School for Strings
Ave Verum Corpus – Mozart

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Rev. Tessin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Judith

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading Ps 126 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, OT Pg.572-573] Liturgist Judith
Second Reading Lk 19: 1-10 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, NT Pg. 82] Rev. Tessin

SERMON

“everything [in] between: righteousness & mercy”

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God,
a chasing-after-us God.**

**We believe that no matter where we wander
or what mountains we climb, this God —
the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem,
shook hands with lepers, patted children on the head,
and told stories of love – Is always close at hand.**

**So on the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the
valleys,**

**We believe that we are always being found.
Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Tessin and Liturgist Judith

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, we praise you ...

... we raise our voices with the angels, saying:

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 Lord ...

And now let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us ...

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 ELEMENTS

This is not a table for the few; it is a table set for all. This is not the table of First Presbyterian Church; this is the Lord's Table, and all who believe, or seek to overcome their doubts, are welcome to join in the feast our Lord Jesus prepared for us.

When the ushers come forward, they will be served first. The congregation will follow the direction of the ushers, coming forward up the middle aisle when directed, and returning by the side aisles. You will be served the gift of a piece of bread, then a cup of juice. There are baskets available in the corners to leave your empty juice cups.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Music

Rev. Tessin
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**

Rev. Tessin

***CLOSING HYMN**

“I Come with Joy” (Verses 1, 2, and 5)

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***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Musicians from Port Huron School for Strings

Emperor Quartet – 2nd mvmt. Variations Haydn

Communion Liturgy adapted from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, KY, 2018)

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ABOUT THE SCHOOL FOR STRINGS (SfS): The Community Foundation of St. Clair County granted funds to fill the need for access to instruction in string instruments and supporting programs within St. Clair County. Dr. Rebekah Brown established the School for Strings, a nonprofit membership corporation governed by an elected Board of Directors. In its 25 years, SfS has trained hundreds of students, young and old, to play violin, viola, cello or double bass. All SfS students learn classical, jazz and folk styles, orchestra playing, chamber music as well as music history, appreciation and theory. We are very pleased to be a part of your service today.

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 Helen Whitford. The tech team members running the sound board and video are Ken MacBeth and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour host is Anne Wilton and the birthday/anniversary cake is provided by the Membership and Outreach Committee. The sanctuary flowers in memory of Roger Ingles provided by The Matthews Family.

WHITE ROSE: The white rose on the table is in memory of Pat Schattler's daughter, Michelle Clingenpeel, who passed away this previous week.

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 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 next Sunday, **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!

EASTER LILIES: The Deacons will have 7 Easter Lilies available for purchase in honor or memory of loved ones. They are \$30 each and will be in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a lily, please sign up at the office counter.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

40 DAYS OF PRAYER: The final community 40 days of prayer will be held from **5:30-6:30 p.m. TONIGHT** at Port Huron Assembly of God (835 River 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 reading Luke, Chapter 17.

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 practice of *visio divina*. Curious? Come see how this practice can freshly engage God's Word ! All are welcome.

CHILDREN CRAFTING/CREATING STATIONS: On **Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** children are invited to participate in creating stations which will include painting and crafting. Food will be provided.

CHILDREN MOVIE OUTING: On **Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m.**, the children are invited to go see "King of Kings" at Birchwood Theaters. Tickets will be provided; popcorn, drinks and snacks available for purchase separately. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Vandawaker or Beth Schoffner.

SCHOOL FOR STRINGS RECITAL: Next **Sunday, April 13th** the School for Strings will have recitals at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we celebrate the hard work of these students. Please sign up if you can greet or help welcome those to our church for one or both recital times; a light early dinner between the recitals will be offered to those who are able to volunteer.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Maundy Thursday, April 17th: 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Good Friday, April 18th: 1:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Colonial Woods Missionary Church

Easter Sunday, April 20th:

- **8:00 a.m.** Sunrise Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- **8:45 a.m.** Free Easter Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
- **10:00 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./4-7:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Christian Education Committee	4:15 p.m.
Tues./4-8:	Marketing Committee	2:00 p.m.
Wed./4-9:	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.
Thurs./4-10:	Lenten Luncheon at St. John's	12:00 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.*

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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.**