

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 30, 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

William Henry Russell, Guest Musician

(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

Our God is a shepherding God.

Our God knows us by name.

Our God will never stop searching for us. So if you feel lost,
then know that God is seeking you.

If you feel found,.

then know that God will never leave.

This is the promise of scripture.

This is the promise of God's love.

Let us worship our God with-us.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

"Lost and Found"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Joan Vandawaker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Joan

If God is a painter, let us be the brush.

If God is a musician, let us be the song.

If God is an architect, let us be the tools.

Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

**But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,
let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.
Our God is never far away. Forgive us for forgetting this good news.
(Moment of silent confession.) Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Liturgist Joan
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
**No matter how far we wander, we can never wander
from the bounds of God’s grace.
We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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!**

SPECIAL MUSIC: William Henry Russell, Guest Musician

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Rev. Tessin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist Joan

SCRIPTURE READING
First Reading Ps 23 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, OT Pg. 501] Liturgist Joan
Second Reading Lk 15: 1-7 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, NT Pg. 78] Rev. Tessin

SERMON “everything [in] between: lost & found”

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

***SERMON HYMN** “Amazing Grace” (Verses 1-4) #280

***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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Tessin

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, 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** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Verses 1 and 2) #376

***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

William Henry Russell, Guest Musician

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ABOUT WILLIAM HENRY RUSSELL: William Henry Russell is an award winning classical/fingerstyle guitarist, conservatory trained classical musician, and an established composer and arranger. He is the 2009 Gamble Rogers Fingerstyle Guitar Champion, 2018 Indiana State Fingerstyle Guitar Champion, and has taken third place at the International Fingerstyle Guitar Competition in Winfield, Kansas in 2018 and again in 2022. Bill received a Bachelor's Degree of Music from The Boston Conservatory and a Master's Degree of Music from Florida State University. Bill has perfected his own distinctive solo guitar style that bears a deeper understanding of the music conveyed through an impeccable classical technique.

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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 Joan Vandawaker. The greeter is Judith McLean. Our special musician, William Henry Russell. The tech team members running the sound board and video are Ken MacBeth and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour hosts are Jane Penzien and Reta Zochowski. The sanctuary flowers in memory of Nettie Nelson and Joanne Garvin provided by Jane Penzien.

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 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!

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

LAY PREACHER TRAINING/PART II: Our final class of the Lay Liturgist/Preacher Training will be held on **TODAY, 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 St. Joseph Catholic Church (Holy Trinity) (1317 7th 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 finishing Luke, Chapter 15 and going into Chapter 16.

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.

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

p.m. **BRASS, SASS and COOKIES:** The Membership and Outreach Committee is recruiting cookie makers to help provide refreshments for the **April 4th Brass & Sass Concert** in the Fellowship Hall. Cookies and small pastries will be served along with coffee, tea and punch during the intermission. If you would like to help, a sign up sheet has been set out in the church office. Along with your name and phone number, we are asking that you list the specific cookie or pastry you plan to bring. Questions? Contact Judith McLean.

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.

**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./3-31:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Tues./4-1:	Properties Committee	3:00 p.m.
	Membership and Outreach Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wed./4-2:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Discipleship Adult Class	6:00 p.m.
Thurs./4-3:	Lenten Luncheon at St. John’s	12:00 p.m.
Fri./4-4:	“Brass & Sass” Free Concert	6:00 p.m.

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Children's Christian Education Coordinator
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.**