

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



**The Fifth Sunday in the Easter Season, May 18, 2025
Lay Preacher Steve Ahlquist**

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

PROCESSIONAL

Musician Price Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Preacher Steve Ahlquist

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 Price

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Lay Preacher Steve

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

A new heaven and a new earth can now be seen,

God has come to us through Jesus, the Christ!

Give praise for God's new creation,

The Alpha and Omega brings us the waters of life!

God is making all things new,

Let everyone with life and breath praise God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lay Preacher Steve

***OPENING HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" (Verses 1, 3, and 5) #442

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Joan Vandawaker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Joan

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have

**we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, love kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Liturgist Joan
... and may you always be known by your love.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Liturgist Joan
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. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lay Preacher Steve

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist Joan

SCRIPTURE READING
First Reading Isaiah 65:17-22 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, OT Pg. 696] Liturgist Joan
Second Reading

Rev. 21: 1-6 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, NT Pg. 259] Lay Preacher Steve

SERMON “Where on Earth is Heaven?” Lay Preacher Steve

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

***SERMON HYMN** “Live into Hope” #332

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - from the PC(USA) Book of Worship, drawn from sentences of scripture:

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the woman, then to Peter, then to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist Steve

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

Liturgist Joan
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**

Liturgist Joan

***CLOSING HYMN**

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Lay Preacher Steve

Worship Liturgy/Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, Vol. I, Worship Companion*, editor Kimberly Bracken Long (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, KY, 2012)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR ABSENCE: Pastor Kathy will be out of the office and unavailable in-person from Thursday, May 15th through Saturday, May 24th. If you have emergency pastoral care needs, please contact Pastor Kathy by texting her cell phone.

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 lay preacher and worship leader for today is Steve Ahlquist; liturgist is Joan Vandawaker. The greeter is Ann Murphy. The Tech Team Members running the sound and video board are Paige Cronce and Ken MacBeth. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Dorinne Crowell in honor of God's gift of my children: Bridget, Susanna, and Dave. The fellowship hour refreshments are provided by Paula Cameron and Nancy Domke.

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. (3 years-3rd grade) and Mountain Movers (4th-8th grade) please meet 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 May and June. 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.

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

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

ESTATE PLANNING & LEGACY GIVING CLASS: **TODAY** in the Parlor, from **11:30-12:30 p.m.**, Matt Wallace will be coming to give a presentation on estate planning and legacy giving for anyone who would like to attend.

CHILDREN'S NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION SUNDAY: **TODAY**, join us after worship to help clean the streets of our neighborhood and church grounds with the young people of our congregation. **11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**, with lunch after we wrap up!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The next class will be on **June 2nd, Monday at 10:30 a.m.** in the Church Parlor. We will be wrapping up our year long reading and discussion of the Gospel of Luke!

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 have begun a new six-week study – “Exploring the Way: An Introduction to Spiritual Formation. A workbook is a part of this study. All are welcome.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: The last day of Sunday School for the CE year is today. There will be a children's activity during the worship service provided for the next three Sundays.

PENTECOST PC(USA) OFFERING: On Sunday, **June 8**, the Mission Committee is once again asking you to “pour out your spirit” and show “we are there” for the Presbyterian Mission Agency's annual Pentecost offering. This offering is dedicated to helping youth build a strong and solid foundation of faith not only within our own congregation and community but nationally and throughout the world. The money we collect will be divided four ways with 40% staying with us to support our own youth ministries, 25% going for the agency's Young Adult Volunteer programs, 25% helping to support national and international youth ministries and 10% going toward the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative. Last year, First Presbyterian collected \$1,328 with our share (\$498) being used to help support our annual Vacation Bible School/Camp program. The money raised this year will also be used for our VBS program.

ROCK THE BLOCK: Blue Water Habitat for Humanity will once again be “rocking the block” on **Saturday, June 28th**, and is looking for volunteers. The

nonprofit's annual outdoor beautification project will cover four blocks near 11th and Division streets on the city's South Side. Volunteers will be helping clean up yards and do minor outdoor repairs throughout the morning with lunch provided by First United Methodist Church. Sign up before Tuesday, May 27th at the church office, and you might get a T-shirt!

LEARN TO FACE PAINT: If you are interested in learning to face paint and volunteer to help at the OT Family Night on July 10th, there will be a class offered **June 21st at 10:30 a.m.** Please let Sue Brackenbury know if you would like to attend or want more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./05-12:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	NO Adult Bible Study	
Wed./05-14:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Discipleship Class	6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

June 8: Pentecost Special Offering

June 15: Beach Worship Begins: 8:00 a.m. (2900 Conger Street, Port Huron)

June 15: Father's Day Nail Sale: at both services

June 21: Learn to Face Paint: 10:30 a.m.

June 28: Rock the Block: sign up by Tuesday, May 27th

June 29: Detroit Tigers Baseball Game: 1:40 p.m., transportation provided

July 9: Rotary International Day Parade: 6:30 p.m.

July 10: Operation Transformation Family Night: 5:00-9:00 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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Nursery Attendant: Elizabeth Block
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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.**