

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Third Sunday in Easter Season, May 4, 2025
Rev. Kathy Tessin

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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

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)

Rev. Tessin

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

“Near to the Heart of God”

#527

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Erin Peyerk

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Erin

God, you uphold those who are falling down and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins – both the things we have done, and the things we have left undone – in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. (Moment of silent confession.)
Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Erin

... and fills us with the fullness of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist Erin

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

GUEST TESTIMONIAL

Chad Schlosser, InterVarsity Campus Staff Minister,
UM - Flint/Mott CC/St. Clair Community College

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Erin

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading 1 Chronicles 28:1-2a;8-10 (NLT) [Pew Bible, OT Pg. 385] Liturgist Erin

Second Reading Eph 3: 14-21 [Pew Bible, NT Pg. 193] Rev. Tessin

SERMON

“A Rhythm of Life: Roots”

Rev. Tessin

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) Rev. Tessin

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***HYMN**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

... Using the words our Savior, Jesus, taught us to pray:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Tessin

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.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Tessin

***CLOSING SONG**

“Thy Word”

***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Musician Price

Worship Liturgy/Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, Vol. 1, Worship Companion*, editor Kimberly Bracken Long (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, KY, 2012)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST TODAY: We are honored to have Chad Schlosser worshipping with us today, and sharing his work with young adults through InterVarsity campus ministry at St. Clair Community College.

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 is Erin Peyerck. 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 Betty and Judith McLean in memory of James McLean III. The birthday and anniversary celebration cake is provided by the Membership and Outreach Committee.

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.

SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATE: The Mission Committee is pleased to announce that our special offering for the Presbyterian Disaster Agencies wildfire efforts raised \$1,735.00. We have also collected to date \$1,622.10 in our One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity in contributing to these worthy causes.

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

BOUNDARIES TRAINING CLASS: Protecting our most vulnerable members of the family of God is something we are all called to do by God through Christ's teaching. **TODAY, from 11:30-1:00** in the Fellowship Hall after Coffee Time, we will be reviewing policies and exploring guidelines for making all of our church space safe for children and vulnerable adults. This is required training for our CE/Sunday School Teachers, Property Committee, Ruling Elders, and all who want to develop a new set of eyes in creating and maintaining physical and emotional safe space at First Presbyterian of Port Huron.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The next class will be on **Monday at 10:30 a.m.** in the Church Parlor. We will be examining Luke Chapters 20:27- 21:38.

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.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: The Michigan Cup Wheelchair Basketball Tournament will be held on **May 10th** at SC4 Fieldhouse at **11:00 a.m.** There are tickets available through the SC4 website; for more information contact the church office. The championship trophy is in memory of Bradley Seymore, a former member, since he played wheelchair basketball for a few years. The awards will probably be between 4 and 4:30 that day.

DON YOUR APRONS: **Next Sunday, May 11th**, the Mission and Community Ministry Committees will be taking a special free-will offering to benefit Port Huron's two shelters for women and children, Pathways and Carolyn's Place. The third annual Mother's Day Special Offering will be collected immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Worship and during coffee hour. Those wishing to contribute can put cash or checks (made out to the church with Mother's Day Special Offering written in the memo line) in the pockets of the aprons being donned by members of the two committees. Last year's offering raised nearly \$700 for the two shelters.

LET'S GO FISHING: Kim Matthews, a Deacon, has offered to teach the boys in the Sunday School program more about fishing during a fishing outing on **Saturday, May 17th, time TBD**. If interested, please talk to Joan Vandawaker.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: The last day of Sunday School will be **May 18th**.

ESTATE PLANNING & LEGACY GIVING CLASS: On **Sunday, May 18th**, 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: On **Sunday, May 18th**, 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!

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 in June, date and time TBD. Please let Sue Brackenbury know if you would like to attend or want more information.

**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./05-05:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Christian Education Meeting	4:15 p.m.
Tues./05-06:	Marketing Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Properties Meeting	3:00 p.m.
	Membership and Outreach Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed./05-07:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Finance Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Discipleship Class	6:00 p.m.
Sat./05-10:	Confirmation Workshop	4:00 p.m.

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Musicians: 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.**