

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



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The Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 21, 2025
Children's Sunday and Christmas Play
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

Musician Price

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Keyleigh Reynard

In worship, we hear God's story and we ask,

"What did God do long ago?"

In worship, we hear God's story, so we ask,

"What is God doing, here and now?"

In worship, we hear God's story, then we ask,

"What can I do to respond to it all?"

Listen. God is speaking.

Let us worship our moving, inspiring, with-us God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF LOVE

The Neal and Schwehofer Families

Leaders: ... where do you see the presence of love?

Congregation: We see love all around us. WE see love when people hold open the door, smile, and greet us. We see love in a warm embrace,

a homemade cookie, a phone call during a difficult time. We see love in random acts of kindness and intentional acts of empathy. We see love all around us in this space.

Leaders: We have only to look for it.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Tessin

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Angels We Have Heard On High” Jonathan Nurnberg, Pianist

**THE CHILDREN OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENT
“What, No Angels?”**

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

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 “Angels We Have Heard On High!” (verses 1 and 2) #23

***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Musician Price

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayers for healing: Mary Jo Heck; Julie Moulds; Andy Rosales

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! The greeter is Mark Schian. The Tech Team Members running the sound and video board are Paige Cronce and Mark Schian. The coffee hour host is Nancy Domke. The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Pat Schattler in memory of Warren Schattler and Michelle Schattler Clingenpeel.

POINSETTIAS: Thank you to those that generously contributed for the purchase of poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas. Please plan to take your poinsettia after Christmas Eve Worship on Wednesday, December 24th.

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.

COFFEE HOUR HOST: There are available dates in January. The sign up book is located on the office counter.

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

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE: In support of those suffering food insecurity, the Christmas Ornament table will be in the Gathering Room in December. Donations go to the Blue Water Community Food Depot. If paying by check, please make it out to Blue Water Community Food Depot and indicate "Paper Ornament Sale" in the memo line.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Bring your friends and family for Candlelight Worship on Christmas Eve, **Wednesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - A DEEPER LOOK AT MARK: Bible Study is on a break for the Christmas and New Year weeks. Start the new year with a new resolution, and join us on **January 12th at 10:30 a.m.** as we continue to study through the book of Mark.

SAVE THE DATES:

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service, 5:00 p.m.

January 10: Mandatory Session and Board of Deacons Retreat, 9-Noon

January 10: "Undecorate" the Church, Noon-1 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./12-22: Financial Counters 9:00 a.m.
Wed./12-24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 p.m.
Thur./12-25: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**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.**