

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



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The Second Sunday in Advent, December 7, 2025

A Service of Word & Sacrament

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**

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Leader: Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."

ALL: Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Leader: Mary said, "How can this be?"

ALL: We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Leader: Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

ALL: So, may we trust the Inviter.

Leader: May we heed God's invitation.

ALL: May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.

Leader: Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF PEACE -

The Sarah Miles Family

Leaders: ... where do you see glimmers of peace?

**Congregation: We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning,
when people shake hands and pass their peace,**

**when loved ones say they're sorry,
and when the church sings together.**

Leaders: ... We have only to look for it.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #2

CALL TO CONFESSION Liturgist Judith McLean

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison) Liturgist Judith

Courageous God,

You invite us to live into our call. You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust. Instead of responding with a resounding 'yes,' we often hide our face. We dig our heels in. We look for someone else to volunteer.

Spark courage in us.

Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference. Remind us that even when we're scared, we are not alone. You invite us forward. With baby steps we hope, and we pray.

(Moment of silent confession.) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Liturgist Judith

Family of faith, no matter where your path has led you in the past, today is a new day. So join me in declaring the good news:

We are known. We are forgiven! We are sent to serve.

May we step forward in faith, always moving closer to God's call. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Liturgist Judith

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

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, O Israel.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Judith

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (NRSVue) [Pew Bible, OT pg. 698]

Liturgist Judith

Second Reading

Luke 1: 26-39 (NLT) [Pew Bible, NT pg. 56]

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SERMON

“Even in fear, God calls us forward”

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MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION ON THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We have seen the valley.

We have seen a sky without stars.

**We will experience the longest night,
and *still* we believe.**

We believe in a with-us God.

We believe in the hope of tomorrow.

We believe that good news is louder than fear.

We believe this good news is for all people.

**So, even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,**

**even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.**

**We will reach for each other.
We will look for God in our midst.
We will sing songs of joy.
We will proclaim:
*Unto us, love is born.***

**We will see the longest night,
And we have seen unimaginable love.
So *still*, we believe. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

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***COMMUNION HYMN**

“I Come with Joy” (verses 1-3)

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PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

With-us God, we live in a fearful world

... And you give us a new song to sing:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayers for healing: Jane McCandless; Mary Jo Heck; Julie Moulds

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 liturgist is Judith McLean. The Tech Team Members running the sound and video board are Paige Cronce and Ken MacBeth. The birthday/anniversary celebration cake is provided by the Membership and Outreach Committee. The Sanctuary flowers are provided by Helen Whitford in memory of daughter, Jennifer Layton.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship to celebrate those who have a December birthday and/or anniversary!

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.

G.I.F.T. (age K-3rd grade) and MOUNTAIN MOVERS (4th grade-8th grade): here are activity bags for children available for use during the worship portion of their morning. Following the children's message, please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends.

CHRIST CORNER (13-17 years): For young people ages 13 - 19! Faith development and bible study **from 11:15 am-12:15 pm**.

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

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

USHER SIGN UP: Volunteer to usher on Sundays! If you are interested in helping usher in the Sanctuary, please sign up in the binder on the office counter. Note: if you sign up – please be in the Sanctuary at 9:40 a.m. on the day you volunteered.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: There are 7 red poinsettias available for ordering this Christmas Season. They will be \$30 each. If you would like to order one, please sign up at the church office.

PAPER 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

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree angels are available. This year, we’re excited to support 8 families and 24 children. Each child will get five angels: two for clothes, two for toys, and one for a coat, hat, and gloves. We kindly ask that the gifts for clothing and toys stay under \$30. Coats might be an exception, to make sure they’re just right for the kids’ needs. If you’d like to help out financially, cash donations are very welcome! Please make checks payable to the church and put “Angel Tree” in the memo line. Your contributions will help us buy food and cleaning supplies for the families, which is hugely helpful. We’d really appreciate it if you could return your wrapped gifts with the matching angel securely attached by **December 17th**, so we can

organize dropping them off or delivering them on **Sunday, December 21st**. If you have any questions or need more info, don't hesitate to reach out to Lisa Matthews or Kim Matthews. Thank you so much for your generosity and support—your kindness truly makes a difference!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - A DEEPER LOOK AT MARK: There will not be class on Monday, December 8th. Class will resume on **Monday, December 15th**.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: Parents are welcome to drop their children off for a night out on **Friday, December 12th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.**! Pizza will be provided at 6:00 p.m., and then we will have games, crafts, cookie decorating, and a movie! Children must be in Kindergarten - 8th grade. The deadline for signing up is **TODAY, December 7th** online or at the church office.

OLDE TOWNE ADVENT LUNCHESES & WORSHIP: Join your church neighbors for the annual Advent Lunch & Worship, **Thursdays, December 11th and 18th, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** at St. John United Church of Christ (910 7th Street). The theme for this year is "No Room: An Advent Series."

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY: The play, "What, No Angels?" will be put on by the youth of our congregation on **Sunday, December 21st** during the traditional worship service at 10 a.m. If your child would like to participate please speak with Erin Peyerk or Beth Shoffner. The next rehearsal is **Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m.**

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Grace Episcopal Church warmly invites you to their Annual Blue Christmas Service on **Sunday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m.** This is an Ecumenical service, offering a quiet, reflective space for anyone experiencing grief, loss, or the challenges of the holiday season. We welcome all who wish to join in this meaningful time of remembrance and comfort. If you would like to join Pastor Kathy, please see with her after worship.

PORT HURON PROWLERS: Join us for Faith and Family night at McMorran Arena cheering on the Port Huron Prowlers hockey team! The hockey game

will be on **Friday, March 27th at 7:05 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 each. Sign up by **December 22nd** at the church office to reserve your seat!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sun./12-07:	New Elder/Deacon Training	11:20 a.m.
Mon./12-08:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Deacons Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	Session Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed./12-10:	Sarah Circle Christmas Luncheon	1:00 p.m.
	Children's Play Practice	6:00 p.m.
Thur./12-11:	Olde Towne Advent Series	12 noon
	St. John's UCC	
Sat./12-12:	Parent's Night Out!	6:00-9:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

- December 12: "Parent's Night Out", 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. CE Rooms
- December 21: Children's Christmas Worship and Play, 10:00 a.m.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service, 5:00 p.m.
- January 10: Joint Retreat for Session and Board of Deacons, 9-12 noon

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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.**