

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



**First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 11, 2026**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Rev. Kathy Tessin**

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

**PROCESSIONAL**

“Arioso”

Organist Gary Rhody  
Handel

**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**

Organist Gary

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Tessin

Leader: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**ALL: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

Leader: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

**ALL: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary’s womb.**

Leader: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples’ feet in water.

**ALL: Drinking from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**ALL: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Pat Manatrey

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison) Liturgist Pat  
**God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ.** (Moment of silent confession.) **Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** Liturgist Pat  
... to bring us to everlasting life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** Liturgist Pat  
.... Share that peace now with those seated immediately around you, with the words:  
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** Rev. Tessin

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Liturgist Pat

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
First Reading Isaiah 42: 1-9 (NRSVue) [Pew Bible, OT pg. 670] Liturgist Pat  
Second Reading  
Matthew 3: 13-17 (NRSVue) [Pew Bible, NT pg. 3] Rev. Tessin

**SERMON** “Expecting the Unexpected” Rev. Tessin

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION ON THE WORD**



**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**  
"Reflection"

Liturgist Pat  
Organist Gary  
Asper

**\*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 Pat

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision"

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**\*SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

**POSTLUDE**

"From Thy Throne"

Organist Gary  
Gluck

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Prayers for healing: Darla and Olen Hayes, 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 Barb Seymore. The liturgist is Pat Manatrey. To those helping with the sound and video board today. The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Jim and Linda Hall for the Glory of God. The coffee hour hosts are Jane Penzien and Lavetta Campbell.

**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-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and MOUNTAIN MOVERS (4<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade):** There 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 January and February. If you would like to help with coffee hour there are suggestions in the sign up book. There is also reimbursement available for those who may need assistance to provide enough for everyone. 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.

## UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - A DEEPER LOOK AT MARK: Class will resume on **Monday, January 12th at 10:30 a.m.**, looking at Mark Chapter 9.

INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT: On **January 16th from 6:30-9:00 p.m.**, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a game night. Some board games and cards will be available, bring your favorite to teach others! Beverages will be provided.

THEATRE OUTING "LITTLE WOMEN": Lunch and an afternoon at the theater viewing "Little Women" presented by Enter Stage Right (ESR) on **Sunday, January 18th at 2:00 p.m.** Lunch prior will be at 12:00 noon at Lynch's. Tickets for the play will be \$18 (adults) and \$13.50 (child). Please sign up at the church office.

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT CLASS: Class will resume on **Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m.** We will be using Rick Warren's video series on Prayer, exploring the why, when, how of different prayer as a spiritual discipline in our Christian life. No prework is needed; come check out this faith formation opportunity!

*\*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./01-12:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study - Mark	10:30 a.m.
	Board of Deacons	4:00 p.m.
	Session Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed./01-14:	Sarah Circle	1:00 p.m.
Fri/01-16:	Intergenerational Game Night	6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Sun/01-18:	Lunch/Theatre Outing "Little Women"	12:00/2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

January 16: Intergenerational Game Night, Fellowship Hall, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

January 18: Theatre & Lunch Outing – “Little Women”, Enter Stage Right

Sign up on the Reception Desk with details!

February 1: Meeting of the Corporation/Congregation, 11:00 a.m.

February 8: “Souper” Bowl Sunday: Food Collection and Soup Luncheon

February 18: Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 5:00 p.m.

February 20: Intergenerational Game Night, Fellowship Hall, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

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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.**