

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2026
Rev. Kathy Tessin

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PROCESSIONAL

Organist Gary Rhody

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** from Psalm 40

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Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

ALL: God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to lift to God.

Leader: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

ALL: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, who do not turn to those who go after false gods.

Leader: Lord, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

ALL: None can compare with you, our Maker, Redeemer and Sustainer!

Leader: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is on my heart.

ALL: I have told the glad news; about you, I have not restrained my lips.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

"Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Erin Peyerk

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Erin

Mothering God,

We have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern. Help strengthen us so we can serve as your servants, and find our reward only in you. Through Jesus Christ we pray. (Moment of silent confession.) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Liturgist Erin

... we are forgiven people!

Thanks be to God!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist Erin

The peace of Christ through our forgiveness surpasses all human understanding. But even if we don't understand it – we feel it. 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 & Beth Schoffner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Erin

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading 1 Cor 1:1-9 (NRSVue) [Pew Bible, NT pg. 165]

Liturgist Erin

Second Reading John 1:29-42 (NRSVue) [Pew Bible, NT pg. 92]

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SERMON

“What Are You Looking For?”

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MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION ON THE WORD

***SERMON HYMN**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Erin

Organist Gary

***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 Erin

***CLOSING HYMN**

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Organist Gary

Worship Liturgy/Prayers written by Rev. Kathy Tessin, or 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; Lillian Jamison

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 Erin Peyerk. The tech team members, Paige Cronce and Ken MacBeth, who are helping run the sound and video board today. The coffee hour hosts are Debbie Deaner, and Jim and Linda Hall.

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): 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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION/CONGREGATION: The Annual Meeting of the Corporation is scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. to review the financial statements, annual financial review report, and the approved 2026 Operational Budget for the congregation. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be immediately following on Sunday, February 1, 2025 for the purpose of: to review and approve the committee reports as provided in the Annual Meeting Packet; review and approve the 2026 Terms of Call for the Minister of Word and Sacrament of the congregation; and to elect the 2026 Nominating Committee for elders and deacons during the course of the calendar year.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - A DEEPER LOOK AT MARK: **Monday, January 19th at 10:30 a.m.**, looking at Mark Chapter 10.

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT CLASS: Due to popular demand, this new study will be moved from evening to daytime. It will begin on a new start date, *next Wednesday, January 28th at a new time of 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the church Parlor.* We will be exploring “40 Days of Prayer,” discussing the role and practices of prayer in our spiritual lives, using video material created by Rick Warren. No prework is required, and you can join in for one or two sessions, or the entire short series!

MISSION FOOD DRIVE, SPONSORED BY CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Starting next **Sunday, January 25th through February 8th**, the children of the church are seeking **donations of food items** to support our neighborhood food pantry at St. John’s UCC. Canned and boxed goods can be placed in the designated drop off area in the Gathering Room. The children will be sorting, packing up the items that come in each week, and delivering them to the pantry on February 8th, after the “Souper Bowl”

luncheon! Thanks to your generosity, this pantry was able to be supplied during the month of February when donations are often at their lowest.

THEATRE OUTING “LITTLE WOMEN”: Lunch and an afternoon at the theater viewing “Little Women” presented by Enter Stage Right (ESR) was moved to **January 25th at 2:00 p.m.** Tickets are sold out for this performance, but if you’re able, please join us for lunch prior at **12:00 noon** at Lynch’s.

INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT: Our next game night will be held on **February 20th from 6:30-9:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./01-19:	Bible Study - Mark	10:30 a.m.
Tues./01-20:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Wed./01-21:	Mission Committee	11:00 a.m.
	Discipleship Adult Class	6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

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

February 8: “Souper Bowl” Sunday! Mission and Music focused worship; soup luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall

February 18: Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.

February 20: Intergenerational Game Night, Fellowship Hall, 6:30-9 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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Musician: Price Smith

**Our mission is KNOW the Love of God,
GROW in the Christian faith,
and GO share our faith in Jesus Christ.**