

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 25, 2026
Rev. Kathy Tessin

* indicates when to stand, as you are able

PROCESSIONAL

Pianist 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

Pianist 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 27

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Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.

ALL: God is our shelter and our shade. We will sing to the God of our salvation!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Dorinne Crowell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Dorinne

Christ our Messiah,

You call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Liturgist Dorinne

... let us answer Christ’s call:

Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us. Thanks be to God!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist Dorinne

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.

HYMN

“Baptized in Water” (verses 1 and 3)

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THE BAPTISM AND ACCEPTANCE INTO MEMBERSHIP OF KEYLEIGH REYNARD AND SHYANN TOMASZYCKI

CHILDREN’S PRAYER

Rev. Tessin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Dorinne

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading Ps. 27: 1; 4-9 (NLT) [Pew Bible, OT pg. 503]

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Second Reading Matt 4:12-23 (NRSVue) [Pew Bible, NT pg. 3]

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SERMON

“Lord, I am coming!”

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MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION ON THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the PC(USA) A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God
and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

In a broken and fearful world

**The Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Amen.

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 Dorinne
Pianist 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 Dorinne

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

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***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Pianist Gary

Worship Liturgy adapted from: *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids Year A, Vol. 56.1* (A Publication of the former Office of Theology and Worship, PC(USA): Louisville, KY, 2022). Baptismal liturgy adapted from *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, KY, 2018). 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; family of Normajean Leavitt

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 Barbara Seymore. The liturgist is Dorinne Crowell. Thanks to Paige Crouce for helping us stream through Facebook today from the Fellowship Hall. The coffee hour hosts are Sue Hinton, Pat Schattler and a friend. The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Barbara Seymore and Family in memory of Bruce A. Seymore.

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 February and March. 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

THEATRE OUTING “LITTLE WOMEN”: **TODAY;** Lunch and an afternoon at the theater viewing “Little Women.” 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!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - A DEEPER LOOK AT MARK: **Monday, January 26th at 10:30 a.m.,** we will continue looking at Mark Chapter 10.

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT CLASS: **Wednesday, January 28th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the church Parlor.** We are exploring “40 Days of Prayer,” by Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*. No prework is required, and you can join in for one or two sessions, or the entire short series!

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.

MISSION FOOD DRIVE, SPONSORED BY CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN

EDUCATION: Starting next **TODAY, 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.

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

SAVE THE DATES:

- February 1: Annual Meeting of the Corporation/Congregation, 11:00 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, 6:00 p.m.
- February 20: Intergenerational Game Night, Fellowship Hall, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./01-26:	Bible Study - Mark	10:30 a.m.
Tues./01-27:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
Wed./01-28:	Adult CE Prayer Class	3:00 p.m.
Sun./02-01:	Annual Meeting of the Corporation/Congregation	11:00 a.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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Volunteer: Beth Shoffner
Musician: Price Smith

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