

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



**First Sunday of Christmas - Lessons and Carols Service
Sunday, December 28, 2025**

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

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

Musician Price Smith

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist Judith McLean

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, new or seasoned, we believe God is glad you chose to worship this morning.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Judith

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#41

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Judith

God of grace and truth,

In Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

“Arise and shine; for your light has come.”

The radiance of God’s glory is in Jesus Christ.

Open your eyes and see the mercy of the Lord.

In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Refrain, “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain – over the hills and everywhere!

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Beth Shoffner

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Judith

~~ LESSONS AND CAROLS ~~

FIRST LESSON AND CAROL

Barry Meier

Isaiah 11: 1–3a, 4a, 6

Carol: “The First Nowell” (verses 1, 2, and 3)

#56

***SECOND LESSON AND CAROL**

Pat Manatrey

*Micah 5: 2-5a (Responsively)

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³ **Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people**

of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.

And they shall live secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the One of peace.

Matthew 2: 1-6 (Responsively)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

***Carol:** “Once in Royal David’s City” (verses 1 and 2) #49

THIRD LESSON AND CAROL

Ken MacBeth

Luke 2: 1-4

Carol: “Away in a Manger” (verses 1 and 3) #24

FOURTH LESSON AND CAROL

Linda Hall

Matt. 1: 20-23/Luke 1: 26-35

Carol: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (verses 1 and 3) #23

FIFTH LESSON AND CAROL	Howard Owen
Luke 2: 5-7	
Carol: "Silent Night" (verses 1 and 3)	#60
SIXTH LESSON AND CAROL	Barb Seymore
Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1: 38, 46-49	
Carol: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (verses 1 and 3)	#27
SEVENTH LESSON AND CAROL	Helen Whitford
Luke 2: 8-14	
Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (verses 1 and 2)	#31
EIGHTH LESSON AND CAROL	Joe Manatrey
Luke 2: 15-20	
Carol: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (verses 1 and 3)	#29
*NINTH LESSON AND CAROL	Janet Brown
*Isaiah 9: 2, 6 (Responsively)	
The people who walked in darkness	
have seen a great light;	
those who lived in a land of deep darkness–	
on them light has shined.	
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;	
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named	
Wonderful Counselor,	
Mighty God,	
Everlasting Father,	
Prince of Peace.	
*Carol: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (verses 2 and 3)	#28

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist Judith

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Judith

Offertory Music

Musician Price

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Liturgist Judith

***CLOSING HYMN** "Joy to the World" (verses 1 and 4) #40

*SENDING and BENEDICTION

Liturgist Judith

... now and forever. **Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Musician Price

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED WEEK OF DEC. 29 – JAN. 1:

The church office will be closed this coming week due to staff vacations. In case of emergency pastoral needs, please contact Rev. Tessin by her cell phone, (706) 464-3148.

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. Our liturgist today is Judith McLean, and we also thank all of our readers listed in this bulletin. The Tech Team Members running the sound and video board are Paige Cronce and Ken MacBeth. The coffee hour host is Sue Murvich. The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Janet Brown in memory of Michael Brown.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be combined Sunday School for all ages in the GIFT Room today after the Children's Message.

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

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible Study this Monday; we'll resume January 6th.

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY: We will not be gathering this week. The study will resume January 21st.

ELDER AND DEACON MANDATORY RETREAT: **Saturday, January 10th**, from **9:00 a.m. - 12 noon**. Breakfast provided.

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 provided, bring your favorite to teach others!

**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./12-29: Church Office Closed
Tues./12-30: Financial Counters 9:45 AM
Church Office closed for non-financial business
Wed./12-31: Church Office Closed
Thurs./1-1: HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY! Church Office Closed

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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.**