

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON



Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day  
Pastor Roxie Davis

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
**(Preaching Series: Old Stories—New Lessons)**

**PROCESSIONAL**

Elizabeth Roe, Musician

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Roxie Davis

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad in your pew. It helps us to know that you are here, as part of God's Family. **For those of you who are visiting us today, we welcome you as a part of this Church Family.** If you give us your contact information, we will let you know of other family events and ministries that are happening. **Please also, Visitors,** if you could fill out the Marketing Form in the Friendship Pads, that would give us an idea how you found out about us. **To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God is glad you have chosen to worship this morning.**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Dorinne Crowell, Mission Committee Member

**PRELUDE**

Solo by Price Smith, in honor of mothers

**\*OPENING WORDS**

Liturgist Dorinne Crowell

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Liturgist Dorinne

We gather together to worship our Loving God;

**Who is like a nurturing mother.**

God knows us intimately.

**God loves us unconditionally.**

God teaches us the way we should go,

**God comforts us in times of need.  
Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

**#306**

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF FLOWERS DURING HYMN**

**Our Children**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Liturgist Dorinne**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

**Liturgist Dorinne**

**Lord God, there are moments that we lack respect for those around us. Sometimes our lack of respect flows towards our mothers and fathers. We have sometimes felt they did not know as much as we knew. Sometimes we did not love them, as you commanded us to love all people, especially our mothers and fathers. Help us to respect You who created all people. Help us to care about everyone we encounter, especially those who birthed us. Thank you for creating life in us and in others. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

**Liturgist Dorinne**

**God knows our hearts.**

**God hears our prayers of repentance.**

**God knows the wrongs we have done.**

**God hears our words of confession.**

**God knows our need for His forgiveness.**

**God hears our plead for His constant love in our lives.**

**Believe the Good News in Jesus Christ.**

**We are loved and we are forgiven all our sins.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

The Vandawaker Trio

**A CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FOR ALL OF US**

Pastor Roxie

**“MOTHERS OF OLD”  
(THE CHILDREN'S MOTHER'S DAY PLAY)**

**Mothers to be portrayed in the play, based on Biblical Story:**

**Eve, The Mother of the Living** (Genesis Chapters 2-4)

**Sarah (Sarai), The Mother of Promise**

(Genesis Chapters 12, 18, 21)

**Rebekah, The Powerful Mother** (Genesis 25: 19-34; 24)

**Leah, The Forgotten Mother** (Genesis Chapters 29, 30)

**Jochebed, The Mother of Courage** (Exodus Chapters 1, 2)

**Naomi and Ruth, The Spiritual and Faithful Mothers**

(The Book of Ruth—Chapters 1-4)

**Mary, The Mother of the Savior**

(Matthew Chapters 1, 2; Luke Chapters 1, 2)

**THOUGHTS ABOUT MOTHERS**

Pastor Roxie and The Children

**HYMN**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**#403**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Liturgist Dorinne

**Offertory Music**

**\*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 Dorinne

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sharing of Joys and Concerns** Pastor Roxie

**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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN "Faith of our Mothers"**

Faith of our Mothers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our mothers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our Fathers, we will strive  
To win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then indeed be free.  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our Mothers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life.  
Faith of our mothers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

### **BENEDICTION (Responsively)**

May the Lord who brought us to birth,  
strengthen us as we go forth.

**May the Lord who provides for all  
our needs sustain us day by day.**

May the Lord whose steadfast love is  
constant, as a mother's care,  
**send us forth from here to live,  
honoring God and loving others.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHURCH FRIENDSHIP: Please sign the Friendship Register and make sure others around you have a chance. **We welcome all of you to the worship of God, especially those who are visitors.** We welcome you as part of our church family; please give us your e-mail and/or phone number so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church. The Friendship Sheets go in the Offering Plates. **Visitors, please fill out the small form available** in the Friendship Pad, it gives us an idea of how you came to worship today.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Dorinne Crowell. The greeter today is Barbara Wright. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Mark Schian and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour host is Pat Schattler. The Sanctuary Flowers are in honor of all mothers, Happy Mother's Day.

PNC PRAYER TIME: Prayer is critical as Churches and Pastors discern what is in their future. Please pray each day for insight and energy for the PNC: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR HOST: There are available dates in the month of June and July. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

FPC T-SHIRTS: We are taking signups for a second order of t-shirts at the church office. We need 10 more orders to complete the order.

FOOD PANTRY: Please remember those who are suffering from food insecurities by donating non-perishable food to the Bluewater Community Food Depot. Monetary donations are also welcomed. There is a collection container in the church foyer off the parking lot and Sanctuary entrance.

PROVIDING MEALS: Do you like to cook? Please consider joining the Meal Team to provide meals to our church family who have just gotten out of the hospital. Sign up at the church office counter.

VISITOR FOLLOW-UP: If you are interested in following up with visitors after they have come to worship or an event, sign up at the church office counter.

NURSERY SUBSTITUTE: If anyone is interested in being a substitute for the Nursery as needed, please inform the church office.

JOB OPENING: We have a job opening for the Children's Christian Education Coordinator. The job description has been revised. If you, or

anyone you know, may be interested - please speak with Pastor Roxie or Steve Ahlquist or pick up a job description on the office counter.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS: Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let the ushers know if you would like one for the service.

PRINTED SERMONS: Pastor Roxie's printed sermons are available on the table near the church office desk in the Gathering Room.

### **UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION**

WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS (W.I.N.) CLASS: **TODAY at 11:30 a.m.** the W.I.N. Class will meet in the Parlor. This class is for anyone who would like to know more about the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and particularly about the ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Port Huron. This class is good for those who would like to join the church's membership, renew your membership, or you're curious. Informative and Interesting!

STITCH AND CHAT: A group of women meet each **Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM to Stitch and Chat.** Are you a stitcher or a chatter? Whichever, come! Bring your latest project or just come to chat!

ADULT CLASS WEDNESDAY NIGHT: **Wednesday night** adult class is at **7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. This group is always growing, join us and *Bring a Friend!* It is an ecumenical group. We are studying Heaven and Hell based on Rob Bell's book, "Love Wins."

ADULT CLASS "THE BACKSTORY": **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM** in the Parlor. This is our last class until Fall. We will go over the Old Stories/New Lessons for the month of May.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Next **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** is Pentecost Sunday and there will be a Special Pentecost Offering. *Please wear red, the blue FPC shirt, or work clothes (for the neighborhood clean-up).*

G.I.F.T./MOUNTAIN MOVERS: Next **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** will be the last Sunday of G.I.F.T. and Mountain Movers for this school year. It will



resume in September. Join us for the potluck following neighborhood clean up to celebrate!

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP: Next, **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, stay after worship to help clean up the streets of our neighborhood. Following the clean-up there will be a potluck luncheon.

PATHWAYS/CAROLYN'S PLACE DONATIONS: Being a mother can bring great joy and love, coupled with worry and fear. It also can be especially hard if you are dealing with homelessness and fears for your family's safety. Throughout the month of May, the Mission and Community Ministry Committees will be collecting donations for Carolyn's Place, for women fleeing domestic violence and Pathways Shelter for woman and families. Throughout the month of May, they will be collecting the following items:

**Pathways:** Cleaning supplies, diapers, soap, and shampoo.

**Carolyn's Place:** Feminine hygienic products, hair dye, diapers, reusable grocery bags, gas, and food cards.

Bins are placed in the foyer off the parking lot for these items. Please note: If you are giving gas and/or food cards, please put them in an envelope and leave it with Laura in the office or give it to Judith McLean or Kim Matthews. **TODAY, Mother's Day**, the Mission and Community Ministry committees will be taking a free-will offering during the First Light Worship and Traditional Worship to benefit Port Huron's Pathway Shelter for women and families and Carolyn's Place.

SUNNY FIELDS BOTANICAL PARK TRAIL: If you are interested in visiting the Sunny Fields Botanical Park in Emmett, MI, we are considering going as a group sometime on May 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. If one of those dates works best for you and you would like to go, please speak with Pastor Roxie.

LIGHTHOUSE OVERNIGHT: *SAVE THE DATE* -G.I.F.T. and Mountain Movers Youth Trip to the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse for an overnight stay **Saturday**,

**June 15<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.** Any youth and their friends interested in going, the deadline for sign up is **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at the church office.

**BEACH SERVICE:** The Beach Service will begin on **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** at Lighthouse Beach (2900 Conger Street). Since it is Father's Day, invite a father, bring your own chair, and join us this summer for worship with a beautiful view! *Please note: The last service for First Light Contemporary Worship will be on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and then it will resume on September 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**DETROIT TIGERS HOME PLATE EVENT AND GAME:** On **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>,** you're invited to go to the Home Plate Event, starting at **9:30 a.m.,** and then stay for a Detroit Tiger's Baseball game verses the Chicago White Sox, starting at **1:10 p.m.** The event includes Tiger's and White Sox's players speaking about their faith and careers. Tickets will be \$30 per person, which will include admission to the event and game. Please sign up at the office counter if you are interested in attending. More information to follow, please speak with Mark Schian if you have any questions. There are others in the community who want to go, please sign up early. There are 54 seats on the bus, invite a friend to go with you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sun./5-12:	W.I.N. Class	11:30 AM
Mon./5-13:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
	Deacons	4:00 PM
	Session	7:00 PM
Wed./5-15:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Wednesday Night Adult Class	7:00 PM
Thurs./5-16:	Memorial Hand Bells Practice	9:30 AM
	Adult Class: The Backstory-Last Class	11:00 AM
Sun./5-19:	Pentecost Sunday – <i>wear red, blue FPC shirt, or work clothes</i>	
	Last Day of G.I.F.T./Mountain Movers	
	Neighborhood Clean Up	11:30 AM
	Potluck Luncheon	12:30 PM

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Nursery Attendant: Elizabeth Block  
Nursery Assistant: Amy Block  
Musicians: Gary Rhody, Elizabeth Roe and Price Smith

***Our mission is know the Love of God, grow in the Christian faith,  
and go share our faith in Jesus Christ.***