

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON**



The Fire of God

Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Roxie Davis

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

PROCESSIONAL

Musician Elizabeth Roe

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Roxie

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 special 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 Sue Murvich, Pentecost Offering and CROP Walk

PRELUDE—SPECIAL MUSIC

***OPENING WORDS**

Liturgist Marilyn Dunn

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Liturgist Marilyn

Come Spirit of the Living God.

Come Living God, You who give us Life and Breath.

Come Fire of Energy and Strength.

Come Living God, You who give us Courage and Peace.

Come Spirit of the Living God

May we sense God's presence throughout our worship.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Marilyn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Marilyn

Lord God, we don't always heed the urges of Your Spirit. We ignore those “God moments” You place in front of us. We say to ourselves, “That can't be what God wants.” We so often deny Your Spirit from moving in our lives and in the life of Your Church. Lord God, we are sorry for not allowing You to be more active in our lives. We regret that we miss Your urges to be joyful and compassionate. We confess we often don't look for the Good News of Jesus around us. Help us to be sensitive to the movement of Your Spirit in our lives.

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Marilyn

God the Holy Spirit, knows our hearts.

God the Father, hears our prayers of repentance.

God the Son, knows our every move.

God, the Three in One, offers us love and forgiveness.

May we accept these words of assurance.

In love and forgiveness, may we sense the winds of peace and the fire of strength to be God's People.

***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

Pastor Roxie

RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEER STAFF

Carolyn Ahlquist, Amy Block, Elizabeth Block, Sue Brackenbury, Jennie Carolan, Megan Chrzanowski, Nancy Domke, Jill Emery, Cheryl Frank, Jacquie Green, Gabby Reynolds, Shelley Kamer, Linda LaFrance, Laura Nurnberg, Erin Peyerk, Jessica Phillips, Jerrydeanna Pretty, Beth Shoffner, Joan Vandawaker

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Exodus 3: 1-12 (Moses and the Burning Bush)

Marilyn: Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire, it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

Roxie: ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

Marilyn: And Moses said, "Here I am."

Roxie: ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Marilyn: ⁷ The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have

seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”
Roxie: ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

People: ¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

New Testament Acts 2: 1-13 (The Coming of the Holy Spirit)

Marilyn: When the day of Pentecost came, they (the disciples) were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?”

Roxie: ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

People: ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Fire of God”

Pastor Roxie

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Mary MacKay, Price Smith, Helen Whitford

APOSTLE’S CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God,
Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Music

Liturgist Marilyn

***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 Marilyn

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.

***HYMN**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

#315

***BENEDICTION**

Let the Spirit enfold you.

Let the Spirit comfort you.

Go in the peace of God.

May we carry the peace and fiery flames of the Holy Spirit with us wherever we may go.

Amen. **And Amen.**

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 Marilyn Dunn. The greeter today is Barbara Wright. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Ken MacBeth and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour host is Pat Schattler. The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Jacquie Green to the Glory of God.

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.

PER CAPITA: If you have not yet given towards the per-capita, please consider giving.

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.

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

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING: Pentecost Sunday Special Offering will be collected today (40% will go to Summer Bible Camp (VBS)).

G.I.F.T./MOUNTAIN MOVERS: **TODAY** 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: You are encouraged to join us **TODAY at 11:30 a.m.** for the Neighborhood Clean Up (organized by our Christian Education church families). We will walk the streets near the church, picking up trash and making the place look more beautiful. A potluck at **12:30 p.m.** will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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." You will be given a book.

ADULT CLASS "THE BACKSTORY": The BackStory will be on a summer break and will resume in the fall.

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 on **May 24th (10:00-3:00 p.m.) or 25th (10:00-3:00 p.m.) or 26th (1:00-5:00 p.m.)**. If one of those dates works best for you and you would like to go, please speak with Pastor Roxie.

BIBLE 101 (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) Class: Next **Sunday, May 26th at 11:30 a.m.** in the Choir Room, join this adult class to look at stories of people with the Same Name, but Different Biblical Roles.

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.

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

BEACH SERVICE: The Beach Service will begin on **Sunday, June 16th at 8:00 a.m.** at Lighthouse Beach (2900 Conger Street). **It is Father's Day- invite a father to join you**, bring your own chair, and join us for worship with a beautiful view! *Please note: The last service for First Light*

Contemporary Worship will be on Sunday, June 9th and then it will resume on September 15th.

DETROIT TIGERS HOME PLATE EVENT AND GAME: On **Saturday, June 22nd**, 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 (scholarships available), 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 sports fan to go with you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- Sun./5-19: Pentecost Sunday – *wear red, blue FPC shirt, or work clothes*
Last Day of G.I.F.T./Mountain Movers
Neighborhood Clean Up 11:30 AM
Potluck Luncheon 12:30 PM
Mon./5-20: Financial Counters 9:00 AM
Tues./5-21: Worship and Music Committee 10:00 AM
Wed./5-22: Stitch and Chat 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night Adult Class 7:00 PM
Thurs./5-23: Memorial Hand Bells Practice 9:30 AM
Fri./5-24 or Sat./5-25
or Sun./5-26: Sunshine Field Trail Walk 10-3 PM
in Emmett, MI
Mon./5-27: Memorial Day: Office Closed

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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.***