

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Reverend Kathy Tessin
Sunday, September 15, 2024

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

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

Musician Elizabeth Roe

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kathy Tessin

Welcome to all of you who came because someone invited you!

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.**

***OPENING WORDS**

Rev. Tessin

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: We have been gathered in this place for this time,

ALL: that we might hear the good news we can't help but share.

Leader: On this day and each one to come,

ALL: may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come Thou Almighty King"

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MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Barbara Seymore

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Jill Emery

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison) Liturgist Jill
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.
(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively) Liturgist Jill
... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Liturgist Jill

First Scripture Reading
Galatians 3: 23-29 Liturgist Jill

Second Scripture Reading
Deuteronomy 5: 1-5 Rev. Tessin

SERMON *Creating “Us”*

***HYMN** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* #276

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Tessin

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

Rev. Tessin
Musician Elizabeth

***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**

Rev. Tessin

***CLOSING HYMN**

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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***SENDING and BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Musician Elizabeth

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FRIENDSHIP: Please be sure to sign the Friendship Register. We welcome you as part of our church family whether you are here frequently or for a one-time visit; please give us your email and/or phone number so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Jill Emery. The greeter is Anne Wilton. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Mark Schian and Steve Ahlquist. The coffee hour host is Peggy Ruthven. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Anne Wilton in memory of Robert Wilton.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER)/MOUNTAIN MOVERS: Following the Children's Message, children from grades K-3rd can go to the G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) room and 4th-8th will go to the Mountain Mover room in the Christian Education Wing for weekly Sunday School.

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!

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY: **Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. The class is beginning a new six-week series this week, using a video program based on the book "Not a Fan." Attend one evening or all of them – you don't have to attend every week to fully participate. *Bring a friend* and join this ecumenical group!

FIRST LIGHT WORSHIP: First Light Contemporary Worship will be held **Sundays at 8:30 AM**. Please join us in the Community Activity Room at the church for contemporary music and a relevant message!

BEAUTIFUL ME WORKSHOP: A "Be-YOU-tiful" 4-Part Workshop Series will be held at FPC afterschool on **Tuesday and Thursdays, September 17th, 19th, 26th and 26th from 4:00-6:15 PM**. This workshop is an original self-esteem building series for 4th-5th grade girls and is \$5 per registrant. For more information and to register, please see the flyer on the office counter or talk to Sue Brackenbury. Limited to 20 participants- online registration only.

LEARNING "THE STORY": Learning "The Story" - **Introductory Kickoff Sunday, September 22nd, from 11:30-12:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. This class will be taught by Beth Schoffner. It is designed for all ages to come hear, read, and explore

the stories of the bible. The **second class will be on October 13th at 11:30 AM** and then subsequently on the Second Sundays of each month through the Sunday School year.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Adult Bible Study will begin **September 26th** and continue on **Thursdays from 12-1:30 PM** in the Parlor, taught by Reverend Tessin. We'll take a closer look at the Gospel of Luke over the course of this year – it's the gospel focused on for this year's sermon lectionary. The passage being focused on will be included in announcements each week, as well as an email to participants.

GOLDEN AGES LUNCHEON: **Saturday, September 28, 2024** from 12–2:00 PM.

FINANCIAL GIVING CLASS: On **Sunday, September 29th**, join as Rick Cameron and Rob Williams offer information on various ways to pledge (i.e. cash, stocks, IRA distributions, etc.). This opportunity will also provide ways to include tax-free giving in your financial planning. This class will be from **11:30-12:00 PM** in the Parlor.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: This year, we're exploring "A Culture of Generosity." We'll wrap up the campaign with a special Service on **October 6th**, which will include a special recognition and blessing of Gary Rhody, our long-term organist, as he retires.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATIONS: For the month of September, the Board of Deacons will be collecting for our local schools. We are requesting school supplies (pencils, glue sticks, crayons, etc.) and also individually wrapped snacks (Goldfish, Cheez-Its, pretzels, etc.) that could be distributed to students as needed. Thank you in advance for your help!

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

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. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested - please speak with the Personnel Committee: Shelley Kamer, Marilyn Dunn 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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./9-16:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
Tues./9-17:	Personnel Committee	9:00 AM
	Security System Training	1:00 PM
	Marketing Committee	3:00 PM
	Beautiful Me Workshop	4:00 PM
Wed./9-18:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Mission Committee	4:30 PM
	Discipleship Adult Study	7:00 PM
Thurs./9-19:	Beautiful Me Workshop	4:00 PM
Sun./9-22:	First Light Contemporary Worship	8:30 AM
	Traditional Worship	10:00 AM
	Learning “The Story”: Bible Class	11:30 AM

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