

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Sunday, October 13, 2024
Reverend Kathy Tessin

*** 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 gather before God together, imperfect but present.

ALL: Let us worship God together earnestly, with our whole selves.

Leader: We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

ALL: Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

#487

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Barry Meier

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Barry

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your

will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Barry

... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Tessin

...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.

SPECIAL MUSIC **The Memorial Handbell Choir** directed by Steve Alquist
"Sweet Hour of Prayer" by William Bradbury

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Barry

First Scripture Reading

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

Liturgist Barry

Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Rev. Tessin

SERMON **“A God Who Sees; A God Who Hears”** Rev. Tessin

***HYMN** **“Pass Me Not”** Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Tessin

Response to “Lord, in your mercy”: **Hear our prayer.**

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 Rev. Tessin
Offertory Music 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** **“O Jesus, I Have Promised ”** #388

***SENDING and BENEDICTION** Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE Musician Elizabeth

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kathy will be on vacation Wednesday, 10/16, and Thursday, 10/17. Please contact the office if you need to reach her for emergency pastoral needs.

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 Barry Meier. The greeter is Helenann Norwood. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Mark Schian and Ken MacBeth. The coffee hour host is Dorinne Crowell and Judith McLean. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Helen Weston in honor of her husband Robert's 83rd birthday.

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.

LEARNING "THE STORY": Learning "The Story"- This Sunday School class is designed for all ages to come hear, read, and explore the stories of the bible in a sequential manner. We meet **TODAY, at 11:30 AM** in the Parlor and then next **Sunday, October 20th**. The class will continue on the Second and Third Sundays of each month through the Sunday School year.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Explore the Gospel of Luke on **Mondays from 10:30-11:30 AM** in the Parlor, taught by Reverend Tessin. This week we will introduce Luke's focus on women and look at two different songs of praise, discussing Luke 1: 39-80. No preparation required; come join us!

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: **There will be no class on Wednesday, October 16th.** It will resume on **Wednesday October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. The class is closing up the 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 relevant messages!

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND BAKE SALE: Bring your friends and family and be ready to vote for your favorite chili on **Sunday, October 20th** following Traditional Worship. There will be many chili recipes to enjoy, as well as baked goods for sale with proceeds supporting Pathways Shelter, Carolyn’s Place, The Harbor, and the Blue Water Area Rescue Mission. Please sign up at the office counter if you would like to bring chili or baked goods.

W.I.N. (Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers) Class: The W.I.N. Class will not be held on October 20, 2024. The next class will be on Sunday, **November 17, 2024.**

KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTANS: Come enjoy this unique Scottish-themed worship service with your family and friends on **Sunday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m.**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

**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:

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| Mon./10-14: Adult Bible Study | 10:30 AM |
| Deacons Meeting | 4:00 PM |
| Session | 6:30 PM |
| Tues./10-15: Financial Counters | 9:00 AM |
| Worship and Music Committee | 10:00 AM |
| Marketing Committee | 2:00 PM |
| Wed./10-16: Stitch and Chat | 10:00 AM |
| NO Discipleship Adult Study | |
| Sun./10-20: First Light Contemporary Worship | 8:30 AM |
| Traditional Worship | 10:00 AM |
| Annual Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale | 11:30 AM |
| Learning “The Story” Class | 11:30 AM |

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Nursery Assistant: Amy Block

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