

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Sunday, October 20, 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, 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.**

***OPENING WORDS**

Rev. Tessin

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim ...

ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Leader: God stretched the heavens across the sky;

ALL: let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

Leader: God raised mountains above the depths;

ALL: let us gather in wonder before them.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN**

"God of the Sparrow"

#272

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith McLean

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Judith

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. We are ready to follow people that say what we want to hear, more than we follow your teachings. The fears and the jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

... 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Tessin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Judith

SCRIPTURE READING

First Scripture: Mark 10: 35-45

Liturgist Judith

Second Scripture: Job 38: 1-7, 16-21, 35-41 Rev. Tessin

SERMON **“The God Who Puts Us in Our Place”** Rev. Tessin

***HYMN** **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”** #288

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Tessin

Response to “... we pray to you O God” with **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** **“To God Be The Glory ”** #485

***SENDING and BENEDICTION** Rev. Tessin

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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 Judith McLean. The greeter is Helenann Norwood. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Ken MacBeth and Paige Cronce. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Janet Brown in memory of Michael Brown.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2025: The initial pledge drive produced great fruit. However, we are slightly short of our 2025 goal. Please return your pledges as soon as possible so that the Finance Committee may commence the budgeting process. There are also pledge cards available in the pew pockets and can be placed in offering plate. Thank you to those that have so generously pledged!

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.

FIRST LIGHT WORSHIP: **Please note there will be no First Light Worship on Sunday, October 27th.** It will resume on Sunday, November 3rd.

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 an usher know if you would like one for the service.

THANK YOU: Barb Wright and her family would like to extend a big thank you to the congregation for attending the funeral and committal, along with thoughts, and prayers following David's passing. Barb was so appreciative to have both Rev. Tessin and Pastor Roxie approved to preside over the committal. She is very grateful to have such a wonderful and supportive congregation by her side.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND BAKE SALE: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall and be ready to vote for your favorite chili **TODAY** after 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.

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 will meet **TODAY at 11:30 AM** in the Parlor. 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 Chapter 2 of Luke. 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: This study will conclude the viewing of "Not a Fan" on **Wednesday October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. A new

program will start on October 30th. You don't have to attend every week to fully participate. *Bring a friend* and join this ecumenical group!

KIRKING OF THE TARTANS SANCTUARY DECORATION: Join in with us as we transform our sanctuary on **Thursday, October 24 from 9:30 -11:30 a.m.** for the annual Kirking of the Tartans worship service!

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.**

ALL SAINTS DAY WORSHIP: On **Sunday, November 3rd** during both worship services, we will be remembering members and loved ones who have passed in the last year.

PEACE AND GLOBAL OFFERING: The Mission Committee will be collecting a special offering promoting peacemaking and reconciliation on Sunday, November 3rd during both worship services. Of the money collected, 100% is given to efforts for Hurricane disaster relief.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION MEETING: There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 3rd at 11:00 a.m.** immediately following the Traditional Worship Service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Treasurer, Clerk of Session, and a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons to fill vacancies for the 2025 calendar year.

W.I.N. (Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers) Class: The next class will be on **Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.**

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF REV. KATHY TESSIN: Please mark your calendars now for **Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** when the Presbytery of Detroit will hold a Service of Installation of Rev. Tessin, to formalize and bless her call to serve First Presbyterian Church, Port Huron. More details in future weeks!

**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./10-28: | Financial Counters | 9:00 AM |
| | Adult Bible Study | 10:30 AM |
| Wed./10-30: | Stitch and Chat | 10:00 AM |
| | Discipleship Adult Study | 7:00 PM |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 24: Decorating for Kirking 9:30-11:30 AM

October 27: Kirkin' O' The Tartans 10:00 AM, no First Light Worship

November 3: All Saints Day, Congregational Meeting

November 10: Movie Event "All Saints" at Sperry's Moviehouse, 12:00 PM

November 17: Installation Service of Rev. Kathy Tessin, 3:00 PM

November 22: Dodworth Saxhorn Band Concert, 7:00-9:00 PM

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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.***