

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Christmas Eve – The Nativity of the Christ Child
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Reverend Kathy Tessin

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

PROCESSION OF THE WORD, THE LIGHT, THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

CONGREGATION HYMN: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #9

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Kathy Tessin
Liturgist Judith McLean

Jesus, you are God's holy child, born of Mary:

Lord have mercy.

Jesus, in you all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.

Christ have mercy.

Jesus, you are the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

Lord have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Tessin

***OPENING HYMN** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #38

LITURGY OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Domke/Peyerck Family

Congregation (in unison): "Say among the nations, 'The Lord is King!' Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth."

Congregational response: "Savior of the Nations, Come" (v. 1) #14

**Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “The First Noel” Jonathan and Benjamin Nurnberg

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Liturgist Judith
Offering Music Musician, Price Smith

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Jonathon and Benjamin Nurnberg

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist Judith

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Liturgist Judith

Special Music: “Still, Still, Still/Away in a Manger”
Children of the Congregation

Second Reading Luke 2: 1-20 Rev. Tessin

SERMON “Where are You Pointed?”

HYMN “What Child is This” #53

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional, p. 14)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Responsively)

Rev. Tessin

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Communion Music

Musician, Price

The Presbyterian Church (USA) believes the table of our Lord is gift of grace open to all. All who feel the movement of the Holy Spirit are welcome to come forward and be fed.

The congregation will follow the directions of the ushers, coming to the middle aisle when directed and coming forward to receive the gift of bread and the juice. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

In celebration of the Light of the World that has come to live amongst us and within us with the incarnation of God in the infant Jesus, we will begin the close of the service of worship in candlelight. The pastor and the liturgist will light candles from the Christ Candle, and then come down the middle aisle, lighting the candle of the person on the end. Tip the unlit candle toward the lighted flame, and continue on down the row. For children, battery candles are available for safety.

CANDLELIGHT HYMN:

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

#60

Verse 1: Alex Vandawaker - Soloist

Verses 2-3: Congregation

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

***SENDING and BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

THE SENDING OF THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World” (v. 1, 2, and 4)

#40

Musicians, Steve Ahlquist and Price Smith

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let us our songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

POSTLUDE

Musician, Price

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FRIENDSHIP: Please be sure to sign the Friendship Register, and provide your email so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church!

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist tonight is Judith McLean, and we also thank all of our children for helping with this service. Thank you also to our musicians, Price Smith and Steve Ahlquist. The Tech Team members working the sound board and video are Paige Cronce and Mark Schian. The greeters are Anne Wilton and Shelley Kamer. The communion servers are Shelley Kamer, Anne Wilton, Judith McLean and Dorinne Crowell.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Thank you to those that generously contributed for the purchase of poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas. Please take your plant after this service.

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.

UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

All weekday church activities are on hold for this week. The church office is closed for December 25-27, as staff enjoy the holidays with family.

****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.***