

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



**First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 1, 2024
Reverend Kathy Tessin**

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

PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE

Musician, Price Smith

(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 called you to worship in this space today!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Tessin

There will be signs in the heavens
and distress among the nations.

**When Christ returns in power and glory
people will faint with fear.**

But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

our redemption is drawing near!

Heaven and earth may pass away,

but the Word of God will stand unshaken.

***OPENING PRAYER**

LITURGY OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

The Kamer/Carolan Family

Congregation (in unison): While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in

hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Cantor leads.

Congregational response:

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
Let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#9

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Judith McLean

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. (A moment of silence for personal confession of sin.) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Judith

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***SUNG RESPONSE**

#9 Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist Judith

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Tessin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Liturgist Judith

Second Reading

Luke 21: 25-36

Rev. Tessin

SERMON

“Patiently Waiting...”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Adult Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

I Believe ... in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

I Believe ... 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.

How can we thank you, O God ...

... we join our voices and sing your praises:

"I Come with Joy" verse 1 #507

We give you thanks ...

... Come, Lord Jesus!

"I Come with Joy" verse 2-3 #507

Pour out your Holy Spirit ...

... prepare the way of the Lord!

"I Come with Joy" verse 4-5 #507

DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

The ushers will be passing the elements, grape juice and bread, down each row. Make sure to help the people next to you as the tray is heavy. Please wait until all have been served so that we may enjoy the feast of the Lord together, when you hear the words:

The bread of heaven.

The cup of salvation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Music

Rev. Tessin
Musician, Price

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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***SENDING and BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

POSTLUDE

Musician, Price

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FRIENDSHIP: Please be sure to sign the Friendship Register. We welcome you, whether as part of our church family or a one-time visit! Please 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 today is Judith McLean. The greeter is Anne Wilton. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Ken MacBeth and Paige Cronce. The Coffee Hour Host is Jane Penzien and the birthday/anniversary cake is provided by the Membership and Outreach Committee. Sanctuary flowers are provided by Joan Vandawaker and Family in memory of Joan’s Mother, Joan Elizabeth Hoyte.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: For the Advent season, we will be providing a weekly set of scripture, daily prayers and practices inserted in the bulletin to enhance your personal time with God as we prepare for our celebration of the arrival of God-with-Us! Each week a word will be focused on in the

devotions and in the Sunday sermons: Patience, Kindness, Goodness and Faithfulness. If you are out of town and would like it emailed to you, contact the church office, Mon.-Thur., 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

G.I.F.T. (age 3-3rd grade) AND MOUNTAIN MOVERS (4th grade-8th grade):

Please meet us in the Christian Education wing for fun, faith, and friends following the Children's Message.

FIRST LIGHT WORSHIP: First Light Contemporary Worship will be held on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. through December 15th, after which we will take a winter hiatus.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND COFFEE HOUR: There are available dates in December and January. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

ANGEL TREE: Angels will be available in the fellowship hall after the service until the angels are gone. Each child will have 5 angels this year - 2 red for clothes, 2 green for toys and 1 blue for coat/hat/gloves. We ask that you please do not spend more than \$25 per angel if possible. Wrapped gifts, with the angels attached, are due back on December 15th with delivery or pickup on December 22nd. If you prefer not to shop, but would still like to contribute, cash donations will be accepted for food items and cleaning supplies. If you have any questions, please text or call Lisa Matthews.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE: In support of those suffering food insecurity, the Christmas Ornament table will be in the Gathering Room in December. Donations go to the Blue Water Community Food Depot. If paying by check, please make it out to Blue Water Community Food Depot and indicate "Paper Ornament Sale" in the memo line. Non-perishable food donations can continue to be brought in; there is a collection container in the church foyer off the parking lot entrance.

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

ADVENT LUNCHEON: Join us after the service **TODAY** to celebrate the beginning of Advent following the 10 AM Traditional Worship with an Advent Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall provided by the Membership and Worship Committees.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship to celebrate those who have a December birthday and/or anniversary.

CHILDREN'S PLAY REHEARSAL: There will be a rehearsal **TODAY** following worship, for children who are participating in this year's Christmas Play. Other rehearsal dates/times: Sunday, December 15th following worship, Saturday, December 21 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., and Sunday, December 22 before church at 8:45 a.m.

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 continue the discussion of Luke 6. 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. Bring your latest project or just come to chat! Following this Wednesday, Stitch and Chat will be on break until January 8th.

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY: Wednesday evenings from our new time, 6:00-7:30 p.m., we'll resume with our "The Best Yes" study on Wednesday, December 4.

MOVIE EVENT: Families are invited to watch the movie "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on **Sunday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m.** at Sperry's Moviehouse. There are 35 seats available and the tickets will be provided free of charge. Concessions will be available for purchase. Families only may sign up until Saturday, December 7th, then then we welcome anyone to sign up. There is a sign up sheet on the office counter.

OLDE TOWN ADVENT LUNCHEONS: Olde Town Churches will be having their Advent Luncheons the first three Thursdays in December (5th, 12th, and 19th) at 12:00 p.m. at St. John’s United Church of Christ (710 Pine Street, Port Huron). Everyone is invited to join for a delicious lunch as well as a short presentation given by various Olde Town Church clergy. These luncheons are free to attend. Reverend Tessin will be speaking at the first one, **Thursday, December 5th.**

**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:

Mon./12-2:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
	Adult Bible Study-Luke	10:30 AM
Tues./12-3:	Properties Committee	3:00 PM
	Membership and Outreach	7:00 PM
Wed./12-4:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Finance Committee	10:00 AM
	Discipleship Class	6:00 PM
Thurs./12-5:	Olde Town Advent Luncheon	12:00 PM
	at St. John’s United Church of Christ	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 1: Advent Luncheon/Coffee Hour at 11:00 AM

December 5: Advent Worship/Luncheon at St. John's UCC 12:00 PM

December 8: "The Story" Intergenerational Bible Study, 11:30 AM, Parlor

December 12: Advent Worship/Luncheon at St. John's UCC 12:00 PM

December 15: Movie Event, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at Sperry's Moviehouse at 1:00 PM

December 19: Advent Worship/Luncheon at St. John's UCC 12:00 PM

December 22: Children's Christmas Play during 10:00 AM Traditional Worship

December 24: Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Worship at 5:00 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.***