

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



**Sunday, February 2, 2025**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Service of Word & Sacrament**  
**Rev. Kathy Tessin**

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

**PROCESSIONAL**

Musician Price Smith

**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 present, we believe God is glad you chose to worship this morning.**

**PRELUDE**

Musician Price

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Rev. Tessin

From the very beginning, God calls us.

**God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

**But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.**

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

**God is with us, and sustains us.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory"

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Judith McLean

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Judith

**God, our Deliverer,**

**We confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as “insiders,” excluding those we consider “outsiders.” We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant.**

**Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus Christ. (A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith

... God's ability to make all things new.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE 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**

“Change My Heart, O God”

Adult Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Tessin

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist Judith

## SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	(NRSV)	Liturgist Judith
Second Reading	Luke 4: 21-30	(NCV)	Rev. Tessin

## SERMON

“Ministry on the Edge”

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

## INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

### THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Tessin and Liturgist Judith

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 just to give you thanks ...

Joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, ...

proclaiming the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people ...

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

### **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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **DISTRIBUTION COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

Music during Communion

Rev. Tessin  
Musician Price

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory Music

Liturgist Judith

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

**A PRAYER OF BLESSING AND SENDING OF GABBY REYNOLDS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Take My Life”

**\*SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

**POSTLUDE**

Musician Price

Communion Liturgy adapted from *Book of Common Worship*, prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), (Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2018)

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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 today is Judith McLean. The greeter is Kerry Norwood. The Tech Team Members running the sound board and video are Mark Schian and Paige Cronce. The coffee hour host is Reta Zochowski and the birthday/anniversary celebration cake

is provided by the Membership and Outreach Committee. The sanctuary flowers are provided Jacquie Green to the glory of God.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE: 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:15-11:35 in Sanctuary.

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

### UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship to celebrate those who have a February Birthday and/or Anniversary!

LAY PREACHER TRAINING: Are you interested in expanding your own spiritual experiences beyond being a participant? Interested in exploring ways to prepare to help in the leadership of a worship service as a liturgist? Ever wondered how to prepare and deliver a sermon in a worship setting? Come explore these spiritual growth opportunities by joining us for the Lay Preacher Training **TODAY, February 2nd, at 11:30 a.m.** in the First Light/Community Room in the Education Wing.

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY!!: **Next Sunday, February 9th**, join us for casual worship as we help our neighborhood address food insecurity. Please see the insert for items needed. Dress in your favorite team's colors and join us at fellowship time after the service for a soup luncheon (lunch provided by the M&O Committee). Let's cheer on our favorite team while also helping

those who struggle to meet their food needs in this mission project of the church.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Monday, February 3rd 10:30 a.m.** in the Parlor. This week we will be covering Luke 10.

**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 come to chat!

**DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY: Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m.,** we'll continue with our "The Best Yes" study with Session 5.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Mon./2-3:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
	Christian Education Committee	4:15 p.m.
Tues./2-4:	Property Committee	3:00 p.m.
	Mission & Outreach Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wed./2-5:	Finance Committee	9:00 a.m.
	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Discipleship Adult Class	6:00 p.m.
Sun./2-9	"Souper Bowl" Sunday Luncheon	11:00 a.m.
	Canned Good/Pantry Supply Collection	

*\*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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Nursery Attendant: Elizabeth Block  
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.**