

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



Sunday, January 19, 2025

*** 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

Lay Preacher Judith McLean

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.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Lay Preacher Judith

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Lay Preacher Judith

***OPENING HYMN**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

#460

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Dorinne Crowell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Dorinne

Almighty God,

We confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace.

We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth’s resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray.

Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Dorinne

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

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist Dorinne

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

Lay Preacher Judith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist Dorinne

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading

Isaiah 56: 1-8

Liturgist Dorinne

Second Reading

Matthew 15: 21-28

Lay Preacher Judith

SERMON

“Family Trees”

Lay Preacher Judith

HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#276

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lay Preacher Judith

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

Lay Preacher Judith

Offertory Music

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**

Lay Preacher Judith

***CLOSING HYMN**

"How Firm A Foundation"

#361

***SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Lay Preacher Judith

POSTLUDE

Musician Price

A Year of Prayer

In this new year, we will seek together to discern God's direction for First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron. An essential part of discerning God's will is a life filled with, and informed by, prayer. Each week, a weekly

morning and evening prayer will be provided in the bulletin; they are one possible starting point in adding prayer to your life outside of our worship time together. Use them as a family; with a spiritual friend; or for your own personal conversation with God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR VACATION: Pastor Kathy is on vacation until January 21. Please contact the church office if you have an urgent pastoral need before her return.

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 Shelley Kamer. The tech team members running the sound board and video are Paige Cronce and Ken MacBeth. The coffee hour hosts are Peggy Ruthven and Robin Ferguson. The sanctuary flowers are provided by Robin Ferguson in memory of Jerry Kraft.

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.

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next **Sunday, January 26, 2025, 11:00 a.m.** after the worship

service, for the purpose of: annual congregation meeting and report presentation; presentation of the Session approved 2025 Budget; approval of Minister Terms of Call; and election of 2025 Nominating Committee.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: There will be *no* class on **Monday, January 20th**. Class will resume on January 27th at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./1-20: **No** Adult Bible Study

Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m.

Tues./1-21: Financial Counters

9:00 a.m.

Wed./1-22: Stitch and Chat

10:00 a.m.

Discipleship Adult Class

6:00 p.m.

Sun./1-26: Annual Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m.

**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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Musicians: Elizabeth Roe and Price Smith

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.**