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# Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

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## The Manger and the Cross

"Matthew is telling the story of the God who refuses to abandon us-and even becomes one of us that we might be redeemed. Virgin births are not surprising given that this is the God who has created us without us, but...who will not save us without us. What the Father does through the Spirit to conceive Mary's child is not something different than what God does through creation. God does not need to intervene in creation, because God has never been absent from creation."

-Stanley Hauerwas, Matthew Commentary

Often times we focus, rightly, on the death of Christ during the eucharist. We discuss the spiritual orientation and cultural situational logistics of the crucifixion. Christ's death is sometimes referred to as his greatest sacrifice, but his birth is equal in sentimentality in that he chose to separate himself from the total presence of God. As the early Church father, Origen, described the incarnation of Christ, "the word can also be a Son, in regard to his proclamation of the hidden things of the Father." So, in Christ's birth we are also given revelation of God's personhood. The sum of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Christ; being born of a shamed virgin, homeless, visited by the indigent and

the immigrant, and in the midst of regional infanticide allow us to recognize the types of people God works with and advocates for. It is within this context that we as a faith community are able to witness the demonstrative love the Godhead has for us.

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# Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to visit Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, we would like to extend to you a warm welcome. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, we pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith.

We seek to worship God like the first century church did, with a sense of awe and with a fear

of the Lord. Some things we do might seem old fashioned or traditional, but we want you to know that at its core, it is for the praise of God's glory.

You are not required to do anything weird or ostentatious. We hope that you feel free to join us in worshipping God to the best of your abilities. If you have any specific needs, we have a ministry staff that would love to connect with you. Ask the people sitting around you for

names of the ministry staff and to point them out!

Once again, we are so happy to have you here worshipping with us and we hope this is a chance to worship God in a deep and meaningful way.

*Port Orchard Church of Christ*

## Save the Dates!

**Saturday 1/7** Deacons Meeting

**Saturday 1/7** Men's Breakfast

**Sunday 1/8** Congregational Meeting

**Sunday 1/8** Senior Saints Potluck

**Tuesday 1/10** Ladies Prayer Group

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## Port Orchard News and Events

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### **Pulpit Preview– Tom Sibley**

Tom Sibley will be sharing the gospel with us this upcoming Sunday. He will also be giving us an update on his work at the Bible Institute in Croatia. Worship Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you here!

### **Happy Birthday!**

January has arrived, it's time to celebrate our January babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday! Connie Switzer – 1/5. Jo Vaugh – 1/6. Isaiah Zepf – 1/13. Runell Mason - 1/16. Karen Taylor – 1/18. Forest Gerard, Michelle Herbert - 1/24. Myron David - 1/30.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **James Greer**

James Greer shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com)

#### **Visitors for the sick**

Is entertaining or socializing a strong characteristic that you have, well then, we have the perfect opportunity for you. We would like to compile a list of those available to visit our sick or shut-in church family. If this is something you would be interested in, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.



## Serving January 8, 2016 :

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Prayer Leader:	Ken Avery	Communion Prep:	Kelli Keagle
Scripture Reader:	Brad Orser	Communion Cleanup:	Reinke Family
Offering Thoughts:	Dale Sanders	Praise Team:	Jeff Duffy
Communion Meditation:	Ken Reinke	Sunday School & CW Helper:	Dale S. & Barbara C.
Servers:	Terry B. & Brandon K.	Preaching:	Tom Sibley
Ushers:	Gary C. Tim D.		
Greeters:	Warner Family		
Nursery Attendants:	TBD		
Sound:	Jacob Hammock		
Slides/Lighting:	Dale S./ Kelli K.		

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### **Men's Breakfast**

Port Orchard Church of Christ will be hosting the next men's breakfast at Lakeview Church of Christ. See bulletin Board for additional details.

**When:** January 7th

**Where:** Lakeview Church of Christ

**Time:** 8:00 AM

### **Deacons Meeting**

**When:** Saturday 1/7

**Where:** Port Orchard Church of Christ

**Time:** 8 AM

### **Congregational Meeting**

**When:** Sunday 1/8

**Where:** Port Orchard Church of Christ

**Time:** Directly after service

### **Benevolence Team**

With Ray and Connie Switzer leaving, there is a big gap in the Helping Those in Need Team that needs to be filled. If you have a heart for helping those who are desperately in need, please talk with Darrell or Laura Fry about your desire to serve in this wonderful work. You will literally be in the position of being the hands, feet and eyes of Jesus.

May God Bless this ministry!

Darrell & Laura Fry

### **Senior Saints Potluck**

Senior Saints Potluck will take place after the congregation meeting on Sunday 1/8.

### **Mountain States Children's Home**

Empty money cans from the Mountain States Children's Home are out in the foyer. Please grab one and start filling them up with your spare change. Thank, you!

### **Switzer Journal**

There is a journal out in the foyer for Connie and Ray Switzer in lieu of a tablecloth. Lets fill it Kind words, well wishes and love as they get situated with the next chapter of their lives.

## **Our Prayer List**

### **Prayer requests:**

#### **Healing:**

Bette Widman - Healing and strength

D.J Magneson - Hip pain

Darrell & Laura Fry - Grandson Daniel

Karen Taylors Neighbor

Sarah Benjamin's Friend April

#### **Other:**

All those traveling.

All police officers.

Heritage house - strength for each resident there..

Our congregation - strength as we move forward into a New Year.

#### **Comfort & Strength:**

Family of Dorothy Janes

Jennifer Connelly Delay - Bret and

Bryan Hollman

## **January 1, 2016**

Worship: 66

Class: N/A

Offering: \$3,609.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

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**Isaiah 40:30-31(NIV)**

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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