
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Experience the Holy Spirit (by Tiffany Rousseau)

Have you ever “experienced” the Holy Spirit?

On Wednesday night in youth group, as we were singing praise to God together, I felt the amazing warmth of comfort, peace, and love flood my mind and soul. My heart relaxed into song, my eyes closed in restfulness, and my mouth only breathed praise to God.

This is how I experienced the Holy Spirit this week. Being in tune with the Holy Spirit isn’t something secret or unrecognizable. In fact, it’s quite the opposite! Have you ever met a person who you know is extremely in tune with the Holy Spirit, someone who breathes life into you and someone who inspires peace or joy or zeal for the Lord in you? It’s very noticeable.

Our congregation of believers could use a good dose of that energy. We occasionally struggle after a long week to fully engage in the worship service on Sunday, so in those times, we stay at a bare minimum when it comes to involvement in the service, fervor in praise, or focus on the teaching.

What would it look like if we all came to Sunday energized and motivated to “experience the Holy Spirit?” What would our Sunday feel like after a worship service where the Holy Spirit shook us to our core? What would we tell others about our congregation and our Sunday worship to God if we experienced Him moving us, holding us, comforting us? What would change and what would stay the same?

Look, I know it’s hard in the morning to muster up the energy, the passion, the drive, the focus, and the patience with the many things that happen during our Sunday corporal uplifting of our Lord. I get exhausted some weeks and come to church on empty, still called to pour out, but also to be poured into. It’s so easy to just come and go saying, “It’s just church.”

Don’t come to church this week thinking of it as another habitual part of your week. Consider this time, this gathering as more significant than others. Consider this time a time to experience the Holy Spirit. Consider this time to be vulnerable to it, be responsive to it and be renewed by it.

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Welcome Guests

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

We seek here 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 their

names 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.

Cody Rousseau

Save the Dates!

Saturday 10/17 Operation Day of Hope @ Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo

Sunday 10/25 Family Harvest Fest @ Miracle Ranch

FRIDAY 11/6 Family Pajama movie night (DATE CHANGED BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING CONFLICT)

Wednesday 11/11 Veterans Day

Thursday 11/26 Thanksgiving

Sunday 12/13 Star Trip Christmas Program

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— James to preach

This week James Greer will be sharing a message with us from his personal devotion and study. Let us prayerfully consider his message and seek Christ in his words.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Program—SAVE THE DATE!

Love to bake cookies? Like welcoming people into our gatherings? Great! We are currently looking for some volunteers to greet and bake cookies for the Christmas program this year. Tiffany Rousseau is directing and would love your help in these areas! The program is written and designed for families, so add the event to your calendar and invite everyone you know to hear the story of our savior presented in drama, singing, and worship.

Program Date: Sunday, December 13th, 5:00pm

Nursery and Communion

Are you gifted with little kids? Would you like to serve somehow but don't know where to start? We have just the place for you! We need for more people to sign up for doing the nursery and communion prep/clean-up. Both of these jobs are very important for our Sunday services, so if you feel like you are willing and able, please sign up in the foyer for the next opportunity. Don't know what these different serving opportunities look require? Just see Cody Rousseau after church and he'll walk you through them.

Serving Oct 18, 2015 :

Prayer Leader:	Ken Reinke	Communion Prep:	Warners
Scripture Reader:	James Greer	Communion Cleanup:	Bratchers
Offering Thoughts:	Dale Sanders	Praise Team:	Darrel Fry Rachel Karn Connie Greer Greg Warner
Communion Meditation:	Troy Hill	Children's Church Helper:	Dan Gross
Servers:	W. Hammock & J. Bickle	Fellowship Team:	Donuts— Connie Switzer Coffee— Ray Switzer Cleanup— Connie Switzer
Ushers:	J. Snead & D. Snypp		
Greeters:	Dale & Lori Sanders		
Nursery Attendants:	TBD		
Sound:	J. Hammock		
Slides/Lighting:	Lisa Bratcher		



Places To Serve in Sunday Worship

If you would like to be involved in some way with the worship service on Sundays during the service, in the Children's Bible Hour, or want to join/host a small group or bible study, please contact the office with an email and get put into the rotation!

Also, if you are interested in preaching, please contact James Greer or Cody Rousseau and they will schedule you for a Sunday. We would love to hear from more members of our congregation on Sunday sharing God's word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Celebrate Jesus Deconstruction

For the last several weeks, we have had a contractor help our congregation by taking down the set up for Celebrate Jesus and level the area behind our church building. The scenes are more than 90% deconstructed and we anticipate completion soon. Please do not go back there until the work is complete as it is a highly dangerous route with nails and wood chips in many places.

Regarding costumes, Ekklesia has taken the surplus costumes that we were going to give away, so all costumes have been donated and we will retain a small, but sufficient selection of our costumes for various dramatic projects our church may present in the future, but are happy to offer what we can to continue blessing the Kitsap Penninsula through the power of story at Christmas-time.

Also, if you would like to volunteer for the event on Bainbridge this year, please contact Barbara Chasteen for the church's information. We will not be officially sending a group of volunteers, but support any individuals or families who wish to participate.

Youth Group

Youth Group has begun again! We meet at Cody and Tiffany Rousseau's apartment, 1800 Sidney Ave. #6-323, Port Orchard at 7:00PM on Wednesdays. We are currently going through the book of Acts and talking about what it looks like to support your local Jesus Revolution! If you have any questions or need a ride, please get in touch with Cody Rousseau. We'd love to see you there!

George Fox University Bruin Preview, November 5-6

COLLEGE BOUND TEENS! If you're interested in participating in a trip down to Newberg, Oregon with the Rousseaus to stay the night with college students and experience what it's like to be a George Fox University

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Our Prayer List

Praise for successful surgery of **Byron Bungart**, Dan Gross' son.

Dorothy Janes daughter **Patty Rush** recovering from surgery for a brain tumor.

Jack Voyles and **Runnell Mason** for peace and strength with their cancer treatments.

Karen Taylor healing from her accident.

Ken Woodrow and **Judy VanLeu-van** for full recoveries.

Praise for **Jim Snead's Mother** who is doing better.

Darrell & Laura Fry and **Julia** for safe travels.

Comfort for **Greg and Sandi** after the loss of their dog.

Our families who are suffering from various illnesses.

Our Church, Cody and our nation.

Our Children and the many obstacles they face.

Oct 11, 2015

Worship: 99

Class: 37

Offering: \$4,783.00

Goal: \$3,437.50

bruin, let Cody or Tiffany know by October 31st (Halloween)! We will be taking a small group of teens down to stay overnight in the dorms and experience a weekend in the life of a GFU student. It will cost \$25 and you need to pre-register, so please let them know if you're interested, asap. Open to all high school students, so please invite your friends if they're interested!

Youth Up-coming Events

If you are a teen or parent of a teen, mark these important dates in your calendar! More info on each event will come close to the event, but for now, here are the dates.

- 11/5-6 Bruin Preview @ George Fox University (\$25)
- 12/25 New Years Eve Lock-in @ Lakeview

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Delano Bay

Last week, we agreed that Cody Rousseau and Lisa Bratcher would be recommended as our church's representation on the Delano Board. We are taking steps to make this official and are excited for the chance to be a part of Delano Bay Christian Camp and the ministries we will be supporting.

We also discussed raising our monthly contribution and this is being handled by the Financial Advisory Team. More information will follow when the 2016 budget is released.

Happy Birthdays!

October has arrived! Fall is here and in full swing! The leaves are becoming more and more beautiful colors! With this new month we have a new set of birthdays to celebrate. Remember to mark these dates and wish

these brothers and sisters a happy birthday this month!

4th- Tim Duffy and Kristi Hall. 12th- Ken Woodrow. 13th- Lisa Bratcher. 17th- Cindy Snead. 20th- Paula Hill. 24th- Laura Fry. 25th- Sandi Warner. 26th- Ron Nystrom.

Ladies Bible Study

If you are a lady who is interested in a bible study and you haven't yet attended the bible study hosted by LaDonna Latham Tuesday mornings at 9:00am yet, please consider adding this to your weekly schedule. This is a wonderful morning event held at the church building, a good chance to build deeper relationships with some of the women at our congregation, to learn about the bible, to pray and share, and mostly to experience community. If you need information about this please contact LaDonna or show up this Tuesday to dive into the word!