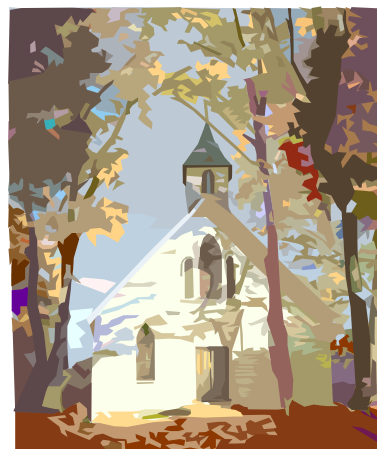




Port Orchard Church of Christ



Where Jesus is Lord, Jesus is
Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Who Made God?

“Where did God come from? Who made Him?”

This is a frequently asked question, and it may be addressed in two basic ways.

The most direct answer is the one supplied by the Scriptures themselves. And that will settle the issue for those who have confidence in the credibility of the sacred Book.

Secondly, however, one may pursue the inquiry by means of the process of logical reasoning.

The Biblical View

The view regarding God that is set forth consistently in the Bible is this: He **did not come from anywhere**.

No one made the Creator of the universe. He had no beginning, and will have no ending. He is the eternal, self-existing Being.

Here is what the Bible says about who made God:

God is Eternal

God is everlasting in nature (Isa. 40:28), which is to say, He is eternal as to His very essence (Rom. 16:26; 1Tim. 1:17). His existence is “from everlasting to everlasting.”

Before the material creation was spoken into existence, he always was (Psa. 90:2).

God is Self-Existing

The Lord revealed himself to Moses as the “I AM THAT I AM” (Ex. 3:14). The “I AM” expression is related to the Hebrew name for God, Yahweh (LORD--KJV, or Jehovah--see ASV footnote). This was the most sacred name for God.

The term Yahweh occurs more than 6,800 time in the Old Testament. The word is believed to be a form of the verb *hayah*, which signifies “to be,” ultimately meaning “the eternal One” or “self-existing One.”

God’s existence is underived; no one made Him. He simply always was.

The Logical View

The eternity of the Creator may be argued in another way as well. Consider the following logical line of argument.

The universe must have been created by something

If there ever was a time when **nothing** at all existed, then there would be absolutely nothing today.

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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 11/04 8:00 am	Deacon's Meeting
Sunday 11/05	Congregational Meeting
Saturday 11/11 11:00 am	Memorial Service for DJ Magnuson
Sunday 11/12	All Saints Potluck

Serving November 5, 2017 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview

Guest speaker, Vincente Huerta, will be preaching this upcoming Sunday. *"Sometimes in our Christian walk, we can lose focus on God's promises and get caught up with the here and now, hindering us on our way to God's promised land. This morning we will look at the example of the Israelite journey to the promised land to help us put our journey into perspective."* For a brief biography of Brother Huerta please see the New & Events page of the church website.

Worship Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

Wish a happy birthday to the following members and extended members: Trinity Delay--01, Serenity Delay--01, Brandon Zepf--02, Nicole Nystrom--02, Tim Blair--06, Jessica Zepf--07, Micah Blair--08, Tiffany Rousseau--10, Dan Gross--15, Julie Snyp--21, Renny Woodrow--24, Haddie Keagle--29, and Matthew Esquivel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darrell Fry

Darrell Fry shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com to listen.

Prayer Leader: Brandon Zepf

Scripture Reader: Dale Sanders

Offering Thoughts: Ken Reinke

Communion Meditation: Dave Snyp

Servers: David Lawrence & Jacob H.

Ushers: Brandon K. & Terry Bratcher

Greeters: Paula Hill & Sarah Hill

Prayer Partners: Ken & Tammy Avery

Sound: Brittany Pringle

Slides/Lighting: John Bickle

Communion Prep: Sanders Family

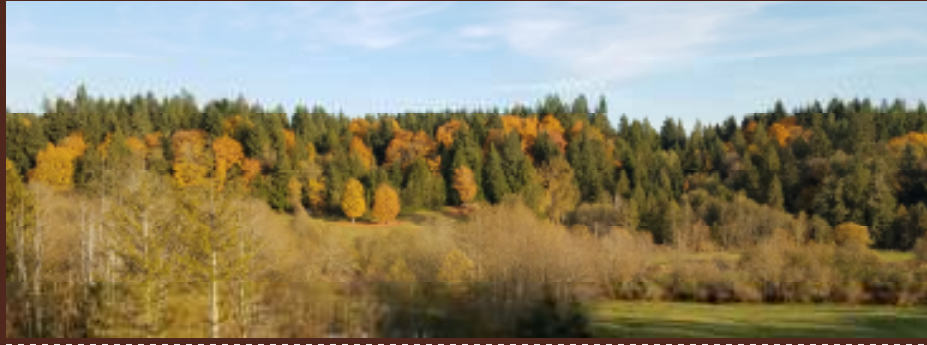
Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Helper: Karen Taylor

Children's Church: Kelli Keagle

Preaching: Vincente Huerta



Memorial Service for DJ Magneson

Saturday, November 11th

11:00 am

Port Orchard church of Christ building

Reception to follow

in the Fellowship Hall Downstairs.

Sunday Morning Children's Class

Bonnie Mitchell has taken the 9:30 am craft class time. We are so thankful for her volunteering to take over this ministry. We know she will do a wonderful job witnessing to our children.

Congregation Cookbooks

Pick up a free cookbook in the foyer for your friends and family!

Fall Work Party

When: November 18th, 8:00am-5:00pm

Where: Delano Bay Christian Camp

What: Get the camp ready for winter! Lunch is provided.

Mowing the Forest

Just Brother Gary Chasteen mowing the property to meet city ordinances! Thank you, Gary!



Our Prayer List

Healing:

Frankie Gower

Delores Brun

DeLoris Lawler's daughter Elaine

DeLoris Lawler's friend Linda

Runell Mason

David Latham

Wayne Hammock's friend Rick

Melvin Byrd

Encouragement:

Mitchell Family & Theresa Saint over the passing of Gene Mitchell & Armani Saint

Mary Peters

Wayne Hammock

Magneson Family

Charlotte Hahn

Our loved ones' caregivers.

John Kaiser family-loss of child

Simpson Family

Travelling:

James Greer

Darrell & Laura Fry

Jim & Cindy Snead

Other:

All those who are dealing with loss and recovery due to the fires, floods, and hurricanes.

Our children, church, nation, President Trump and ministries.

That God will bless our deacons with wisdom in reaching the many decisions they are entrusted with.

Wildland Firefighters in Idaho, a brotherhood of Gene Mitchell

October 29, 2017

Worship: 79

Class: 38

Offering: \$2,607.62

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It is an axiomatic truth that if nothing exists, then “nothing” will be the case--always, for nothing simply remains nothing--forever! Nothing plus nothing equals nothing. If there is absolutely nothing but nothing, there cannot ever be something. “Nothing” and “something”--applied to the same object, at the same time--are mutually exclusive terms.

Something has always existed

Since it is the case that something **does** now exist, one must logically conclude that something has existed **always**.

Let us state the matter again: If nothing cannot produce something, and yet something exists, then it follows necessarily that something has existed always.

The question then becomes this: What is the “something” that has been in existence always?

An eternal non-material spirit being

In logic, the “law of excluded middle” states that a thing either is, or it is not. A line either is straight, or it is not straight.

Let us apply this principle to the matter at hand.

Something has existed forever. That “something” must be either material in nature or non-material.

If it can be demonstrated that the eternal “something” is not **material** in nature, then it must follow that the eternal “something” is non-material in nature.

Another term for the “non-material” would be “spirit.”

The question now becomes--what does the available evidence reveal? Is it the case that “matter” has existed forever, or does the evidence argue that the eternal “something” is non-matter, i.e., spirit?

Matter is not eternal

The most reputable scientists in the world concede that matter is not eternal. In his book, *Until the Sun Dies*, Dr. Robert Jastrow, founder of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies and a professed agnostic, describes his perception of the initial creation of the universe [1977].

He speaks of that moment when “the **first** particles of matter appear” (21, emphasis added), thus, prior to that moment, matter did not exist. Subsequently, he declares emphatically that “modern science denies an eternal existence to the Universe?” (30).

There is not a particle of evidence that the universe has existed forever. The very fact that scientists attempt to assign an “age” to the universe is revealing within itself.

A non-material spirit must have always existed

In view of the foregoing--namely that something has always existed, and yet that “something” is not of a material nature--the student of logic is irresistibly forced to the conclusion that the “something” that is eternal is non-material.

That non-material eternal something must be spirit in its essence.

The Scriptures identify that spirit Being as God. “God is spirit?” (Jn. 4:24)--an uncreated, eternal Spirit Being.

Both Scripture and logic, then, in marvelous concert, testify to the fact that God is eternal. He had not origin. He is the everlasting I AM. No one “made” Him. He simply IS.

-Wayne Jackson

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