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**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians Chapter 13**  
[Christmas Version]

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny balls; but do not have love, *I'm just another decorator.*

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a *beautifully adorned table at mealtime; but do not have love, I'm just another cook.*

If I work at a soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity; but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels, and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and *sing in the choir's cantata; but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.*

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse. Love is kind, though *harried and tired. Love does not envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.* Love does not yell at the kids to get out of the way but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love does not give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who cannot. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails.

Toys will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust; but giving the gift of love will endure.

Source: Unknown



*Just a  
thought...*

*Immanuel.*

*God with us.*

*Prophets weren't enough.*

*Apostles wouldn't do.*

*Angels won't suffice.*

*God sent more than*

*miracles and messages.*

*He sent Himself.*

*He sent His Son.*

*- Max Lucado*

## Acts

### Bible Class

Led by Trent Herbert

It took a bit to get through the gospel of Luke, but we made it! I have been blessed by the study and hope others were as well. We took the book and looked at the context, historical background, and the many characters to gain a better understanding of the Lord we serve. We start our next study in January, and we will dig into Luke's second volume, Acts. I hope that you will join us as we study the early church and men and woman that worked so hard and gave so much for the Church.

## Our Prayer List

- Linda Fry, who is getting appointments set up to treat her medical issues.
- René Powless' mom, Irene Koth (in Tacoma) is now receiving some care from Hospice and is not expected to live much longer. René and her sister, Kay have been sharing her 24/7 care for the past few years, and will both continue until she passes. But this will help with some of their stress.
- Please lift up Margaret Meyers (who used to live in one of the duplexes). She has been taken by ambulance to St Anthony's. Please also lift up her family. Her heart failure is getting worse so they are just going to keep her comfortable at the nursing home.
- David Bedford is being cared for in a rehab facility following his three strokes.
- Praise to God that things are getting settled for Cindiann and George Bradburn.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve treatment for his cancer.
- Pray for Bonnie's son-in-law Tony, who will have a procedure to hopefully input a stent where there is a blockage. Pray for the medical team who is treating him and for Penny as she awaits the outcome.
- The Sunday school class is preparing to help with needs for the homeless. If you have a heart to help or ideas, please contact Laura Fry.
- Sharon McDaniel continuing to work with the doctors to ease her discomfort.
- Our medical personnel and also first responders and all they are dealing with because of the problems associated with Covid.
- Our nation and leaders. Port Orchard Church of Christ and our deacons, our leadership team and brothers and sisters.
- Pray for those who experience feelings of anxiety, stress and even depression around Christmas time.
- Praise to God for all he provides to care for our needs.



### Men's Fellowship

Each Tuesday at 10:00am, a group of men meet together downstairs to visit, discuss various topics, and pray.

### Prayer Requests

To submit a prayer request for the prayer list, contact Bonnie Mitchell at [mitbem0519@gmail.com](mailto:mitbem0519@gmail.com) or 360-265-3266.

## **POCOC Web Site** ( <http://pococ.weebly.com> )

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristen Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings, too:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the video.  
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- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
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| <b>Sunday Worship for December 26, 2021</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon)<br>(Children are dismissed after communion for Children’s Church)<br><br>Watch live stream or after our worship time:<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a> |                         |                            |                                                         |                             |
| Speaker:<br>Tristen Herbert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Singing:<br>Jon Powless | Scripture:<br>Levi Herbert | Prayer:<br>Bob McDaniel                                 | Communion:<br>Trent Herbert |
| <b>9:30am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium<br>James Greer / Jim Snead / Trent Herbert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |                            | <b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs<br>Combined Class     |                             |
| Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                         |                            |                                                         |                             |
| <b>Luke Class</b> (Zoom)<br>Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                         |                            | <b>Prayer Meeting</b> (Zoom)<br>Wednesdays: 5:00 pm     |                             |
| <b>Men’s Fellowship</b><br>Downstairs Fellowship Room<br>Tuesday, 10:00 am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                         |                            | <b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> (Zoom)<br>Tuesdays: 10:00 am |                             |

### **Communion and Tithes & Offerings**

We are once again meeting inside the building, but we are still not passing trays row by row. Be sure to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

The collection box for your tithes & offerings is also available at the entrance to the auditorium.

However, the other options are still available:

- 1) The collection box will be in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

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| Port Orchard Church of Christ<br>4135 Carr Lane SE<br>Port Orchard, WA 98366<br>360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com | December 19, 2021<br>Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,837.00                                                 |
|                                                                                                                      | If you have any questions, please give me a call.<br>God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104 |

### **Happy Birthday!**

**December:** Wayne Hammock – 25, Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy VanLeuven - 31

**January:** Mark David - 2, Michell Herbert – 4, Pat Woodrow – 9, Landra Reinke – 12, Isaiah Zepf – 13, Karen Taylor – 18, Caleb Smith – 23, Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30

# Welcome to Our World

## Verse 1

Tears are falling  
Hearts are breaking  
How we need to hear from God  
You've been promised  
We've been waiting  
Welcome holy Child  
Welcome holy Child

## Verse 2

Hope that You don't mind our manger  
How I wish we would have known  
But long-awaited holy Stranger  
Make Yourself at home  
Please make Yourself at home

## Verse 3

Bring Your peace Into our violence  
Bid our hungry souls be filled  
Word now breaking heaven's silence  
Welcome to our world  
Welcome to our world

## Verse 4

Fragile finger sent to heal us  
Tender brow prepared for thorn  
Tiny heart whose blood will save us  
Unto us is born  
Unto us is born

## Verse 5

So wrap our injured flesh around You  
Breathe our air and walk our sod  
Rob our sin and make us holy  
Perfect Son of God  
Perfect Son of God  
Welcome to our world



<https://youtu.be/QrgwL5r7IcU>

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