

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ December 18, 2022

## \* Edward \*

My friend Edward is four years old, and he has the gift of prayer. He has led prayers for us at VBS and on Wednesday evening, but most importantly he prays every evening for the people in our church. He not only prays for people; he tells people he is praying for them. Edward is an encouragement to us all.

One of our church members, Ron, is constantly in and out of the hospital. He is battling diabetes and on dialysis. He has had infections in his hands, feet, and legs and had these parts of his body amputated. Ron has had many struggles, but he shows up every Sunday with a smile on his face. He lifts our spirits and encourages us all.

When Edward sees Ron at worship, he reminds him that he prays for him every night. This past Sunday, Ron led our closing prayer. He prayed for all the people who have blessed him. It was a long list. He prayed, "Thank you for the little boy who comes up to me every Sunday and tells me he prays for me every night." The room was quiet because we were listening intently to brother Wilson pray. All of a sudden, from the back of the room, Edward yelled, "You're welcome!"

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

- Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

What is church? It is people praying for one another, but it is more than this. It is people who love and care for one another. It is people who genuinely want to know how you are doing. It is people who let you know they are praying for you, and it is people who respond with gratitude and thankfulness.

Is it appropriate to respond in the middle of a prayer on Sunday morning? I had never heard anyone do it before. When you are doing what Edward and Ron are doing, absolutely it is. They are loving and caring for one another. They are encouraging us all. They are being the church.

- Author Unknown

### **Candlelight Service**

Friday, December 23, 2022  
Ekklesia plans to join us.

### **Christmas Day Worship**

We will meet for worship on  
Christmas Day at 10:30am.

### **Mercy Mobile: Feeding the Homeless**

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am  
We will prepare soup all day.

The **Mercy Mobile** will then deliver the soup to the homeless in South Kitsap. Come and be a part of this new ministry.

## 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 desired video.  
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on [Teachings](#)
- Current Event Calendar - Click on [News & Events](#)



### Sunday Worship for December 18, 2022 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion)

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ)

Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Darrell Fry	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Wayne Hammock	Communion: Jon Powless
Servers:	Gary Chasteen	Brian Bungart		

Note: The Tuesday Ladies Prayer group meeting at LaDonna's home is now meeting on Thursdays 10 a.m. Still meeting at LaDonna's.

**9:30am Adult Class:** Auditorium  
The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert

**Children Class:** Downstairs  
Two Classes: children and pre-teen

Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID

**Men’s Fellowship**  
Downstairs Fellowship Room  
Tuesdays - 10:00 am

**Ladies in the Word  
Prayer and Bible Study**  
Conference Room  
Tuesdays - 10:00 am

**Bible Class & Prayer**  
Ephesians (in person or on Zoom)  
Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Ladies Prayer group**  
LaDonna's home  
Thursdays 10 a.m.

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December 11, 2022  
Tithes & Offerings – \$ 4,717.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call.  
God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

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

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is 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 below. We have a lock mailbox.

### **Happy Birthday!**

**December:** Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18, Wayne Hammock – 25,  
Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy Van Leuven – 31

**January:** Mark David – 2, Pat Woodrow – 9, Landra Reinke – 9, Isaiah Zepf – 13,  
Karen Taylor – 18, Michelle Herbert – 24, Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30.

## Our Prayer List

- The Herbert family will travel to Texas for Tristen's wedding. Pray for all those who will be travelling over the holidays.
- Pray for healing for Bonnie's friend Teresa Scott after her cancer surgery.
- Continue to pray for Paula Hill, Pam Woodrow, and LaDonna's daughter Lori.
- Pray for Gary White and Tony DelBarto as they recover from surgery.
- Pray for Ramona, (a friend of Cisco and Heather) as she recovers from her injuries.
- Pray for those who are homeless this time of year, and also for those who are involved in feeding and providing for them. Pray that the new Mercy Mobile ministry will bless many people in South Kitsap.
- Prayers for our church, nation and leaders, our Leadership team, our ongoing ministries. Pray for Ukraine, for the poor and homeless and praise for our many blessings.

### Wednesday Night Bible Class

Ephesians

5:00 – 6:00pm

At the building and on Zoom

### Teen NEWS

The next Teen Night that was scheduled for Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> has been canceled because of the candlelight service.



# PROJECT WARMTH

**DONATING NEW AND GENTLY-USED COATS**

You can be a blessing to fellow members in our community when you donate new or gently-used coats, hats, gloves, socks, shoes and boots, for men & women. We ask that all items arrive clean, with all working buttons and zippers.

**DROP OFF TIMES**

Tuesday thru Friday from 10AM until Noon  
Sundays after each Worship Service

**YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR DONATION THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

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Annual Christmas give

Presented by the port orchard church of Christ  
&  
NW cleaning services

Date: Dec 19<sup>th</sup>      If you would like to sign up please  
Email- nwcleaningservices01@gmail.com  
txt/call (253)282-1760

Must register to receive gifts 📺

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR



## A Blessing in Prayer

### Verse 1

There is rest sweet rest at the Master's feet  
There is favor now at the mercy seat  
For atoning blood has been sprinkled there  
There is always a blessing, a blessing in prayer

### Chorus

There's a blessing in prayer, in believing prayer  
When our Savior's name to the throne we bear  
Then a Father's love will receive us there  
There is always a blessing, a blessing in prayer

### Verse 2

There is grace to help in our time of need  
For our Friend above is a Friend indeed  
We may cast on Him every grief and care  
There is always a blessing, a blessing in prayer

### Verse 3

When our songs are glad with the joy of life  
When our hearts are sad with its ills and strife  
When the power of sin would the soul ensnare  
There is always a blessing, a blessing in prayer.

### Verse 4

There is perfect peace though the wild waves roll  
There are gifts of love for the seeking soul  
'Til we praise the Lord in his home so fair  
There is always a blessing, a blessing in prayer

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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6



SONG  
OF THE  
WEEK



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdYebLiVTMc>

## A Blessing in Prayer

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