

**A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ
December 25, 2022**

Christmas Compassion

I love Christmas. I love the music, the presents, the lights, etc. I loved it as a kid, but I believe it is more fun as a parent. Seeing the kids full of joy and excitement as Christmas draws near is one of my favorite things. I know many others feel the same way. However, the holidays can be quite difficult for some. It brings up memories of lost loved ones. People may experience depression or feelings of loneliness. The idea of a blue Christmas is real for many. Often, we may not even notice there are people around us who are feeling this way because we are so caught up in all the festivities surrounding the holidays.

What would Jesus do?

Jesus regularly noticed people that were overlooked. One of the most important things we can do is pay attention. We can notice people around us who may find this time of year difficult. We can acknowledge their grief and sorrow. We can let them know they are seen.

Some may experience loneliness because they are alone. They may not have family or friends with whom to share the holidays. Jesus invited people to his table, and we can do the same. We can extend invitations to the people around us. They may not accept, but at least they know there is a place at your table for them.

Jesus brought light to a dark world. He tells us that we are to be a light to the world. If someone you know is experiencing darkness, think of a way to be a light. Do something kind for them. Surprise them with something special. Include them in what you are doing. Do for them what Jesus has done for you.

- Scott Elliott

~~Candlelight Service~~

The candlelight service this Friday is canceled because of the weather & road conditions.

Christmas Day Worship

We still plan to meet for worship on Christmas Day at 10:30am.

Mercy Mobile: Feeding the Homeless

Saturday, January 7th @ 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 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

Speaker:	Singing Darrell Fry	Scripture: Various	Prayer: Various	Communion:
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 18, 2022
Tithes & Offerings – \$ 3,215.00

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: 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

- Paula Hill's surgery was on Monday, and it went well. She got out at 2:45 am on Tuesday. It lasted over 12 hours. Pray for her recovery.
- The Herbert family will travel to Texas for Tristen's wedding. Pray for a safe trip and for all those who will be travelling over the holidays.
- Trent's nephew Tyler will be going in for surgery at 4pm today to repair his jaw. They are still uncertain if surgery will be needed on his wrist because they are trying not to move him too much yet. He is in a lot of pain. Thank you for your continued prayers!
- Wayne Hammock is requesting prayers. He has had the flu for over a month and it doesn't seem to be getting better. The doctors are unable to give him antibiotics anymore. He would appreciate all prayers.
- Pray for healing for Bonnie's friend Teresa Scott after her cancer surgery.
- Pray for 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, and all our ongoing ministries.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings – physical and spiritual.

Candlelight Service

The candlelight service that was originally scheduled for December 23rd has been canceled because of the snow and road conditions.

Teen NEWS

The Teen Night that was scheduled for Friday, December 23rd has also been canceled.

Breath Of Heaven (Mary's Song)

Verse 1

I have traveled many moonless nights
Cold and weary with a Babe inside
And I wonder what I've done
Holy Father You have come
And chosen me now to carry Your Son

Verse 2

I am waiting in a silent prayer
I am frightened by the load I bear
In a world as cold as stone
Must I walk this path alone
Be with me now be with me now

Chorus

Breath of Heaven hold me together
Be forever near me
Breath of Heaven
Breath of Heaven lighten my darkness
Pour over me Your holiness
For You are holy
Breath of Heaven

Verse 3

Do You wonder as You watch my face
If a wiser one should have had my place
But I offer all I am
For the mercy of Your plan
Help me be strong; help me be; help me

Matthew 1:18 – 2:12
Luke 2:1 – 21



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Breath Of Heaven

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