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The Family of God

But Jesus answered the one who was telling him and said, "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, sister, and mother (Matthew 12:48-50)

When Jesus is told that his mother and brothers are standing outside desiring to speak to him, he makes what at first glance seems to be a strange response, "Who is my mother and who are by brothers." Did he not know who they were? Certainly, he knew who they were and with this response is not in any way denying the earthly relationship but he is using this occasion to teach a great lesson about his real family, namely all who do the will of his father. Earthly families are important to all of us but the greatest, most important family is the family of God (Eph. 2:19-22).

Being part of God's family is one of the greatest blessings we can ever enjoy. I love to sing, "We're part of the family that's been born again. Part of the family whose love knows no end, For Jesus has saved us and made us his own, Now we're part of the family that's on its way home." As part of the family that is on its way home, our hearts should be overflowing with praise and thanksgiving to our God for his love, mercy and goodness, all of which he has abundantly bestowed on us (Rom. 5:8, 1 John 16-19, Psalms 100:5, 103:11, Eph. 2:4-7, Psalms 31:19, 107:8-9, Rom. 11:22, Col. 1:12-14).

As a part of God's family, we have been born again by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:13-17), believing that Jesus is the son of God (John 20:30-31), repenting of sins (Luke 13:3-5, Acts 2:38), confessing his name (Rom. 10:9-10), being baptized for remission of sins (Acts 22:16, Acts 2:38).

We are new creatures in Christ, the old man of sin has been cast aside (Gal. 3:27, 2 Cor. 5:17, Col. 3:5-10). Being part of God's family, we are willing to change our lives, our views, our feelings and attachments in whatever ways are necessary to comply to the will of God our Father. We now live by the standard set forth in his word (1 John 5:1-4, James 1:21-22, John 14:15, 2 John 6).

I hear John as he says, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1). For you and I to have the privilege and honor of being part of God's family, Jesus had to endure some tremendous trials on this earth. He had to suffer ridicule, torment and shame at the hands of those who crucified him. He had to walk that lonely road to Calvary, have nails driven into his flesh, be hung on a cross, shedding his life's blood to make it possible for us to be called sons of God and become part of God's family.

Right now, the feelings of my heart are summed up in the following words from the song, God's Family: "And though some go before us, we'll all meet again, just inside that city as we enter in, there'll be no more parting, with Jesus we'll be, together forever, God's family."

God bless and keep each one of you on your journey through this life and though I will never get to see most of you here, one day as part of God's family...

- Charles Hicks

Potluck!

November 13, 2022

After morning services
(12:30ish)

Potluck Sign-Up

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Please take a minute to make sure we don't all bring the same thing.

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
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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the desired video.
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Sunday Worship for November 6, 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: Trent Herbert	Singing Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Jim Snead	Communion: Bob McDaniel
Servers:	Brian Bungart	Elijah Herbert	Dave Snypp	
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				
Acts Class (Zoom) No class for the rest of summer		Prayer & Praise Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm		
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays - 10:00 am		

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.

Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com	October 30, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,055.00 If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104
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Happy Birthday!

November: Jessica Zepf – 7, Dan Gross – 15, Brian Bungart – 15, Haidyen Jones – 21, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24, Haddie Keagle – 29.

December: Nicole Karn – 3, Ladonna Latham – 3, Tristen Herbert – 5, Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Volpitta – 8, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18, Wayne Hammock – 25, Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy Van Leuven - 31

Our Prayer List

- Paula Hill's surgery has been postponed as there was an immediate need for a liver transplant. Pray for her to get a date scheduled soon.
- Please pray for Darrell and Laura Fry's daughter, Lisa's step father, Jack. He suffered a stroke and is at Madigan awaiting treatment.
- Pray for Troy Hill's family over the passing of his father, Glen. Also pray for healing for Troy's back.
- Update on LaDonna's daughter, Lori: after an MRI Sunday night, the medical team found that the infection is gone. However, to make sure, they will continue to give her antibiotics for the next 3 weeks before surgery. There was an opening in the stitches in one place. The team will watch it for a few days. Her skin is so thin the stitches aren't holding well. Pray for this complete healing for Lori and for her husband Phil, and LaDonna and family.
- Pam Woodrow was scheduled to have surgery on Nov 1 for a knee replacement. This surgery is postponed until sores on her leg have completely healed. Pray for this healing for her.
- Pray for Gary White and his continual healing of his knee surgery and for Tammy who has been having some health issues because of her brain tumors.
- Tony DelBarto is undergoing PT and OT as he heals from his hip surgery. Due to his low oxygen levels, it is taking longer than anticipated. Please continue keeping him in your prayers.
- Pray for Bonnie's daughter Kara and her girlfriend who are flying to NYC for a few days. Pray for their flight and safety.
- Pray that Bonnie may hear soon regarding replacing her siding.
- Gary and Barbara have started their trip back to be home with us. Pray for their safety.
- Continued prayers for our church, our nation and leadership, our missions, teachers, children and Ukraine.

Sunday Morning Children's Worship is Growing!

There are now two classes

Children: led by Laura Fry

Preteen: led by Michelle Herbert

Children will be dismissed for class following communion service.

Teen NEWS

Next Teen Night: Friday, November 11, 5:30 – 7:00 or 8:00 – at the church building.

Woodinville Youth Rally – November 11-13 [\$35]

<https://www.woodinvillecofc.org/youthrally>

Sweet Fellowship

Fellowshipping with one another
as we're walking in the light
(We keep on walking when we're...)
Fellowshipping with one another
as we're walking in the light
For there's nothing as sweet as fellowship
as we share each other's lives
For there's nothing as sweet as fellowship
as we share each other's lives

When we give our hearts to each other
you can feel His love inside
(We keep on loving when we...)
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Fellowshipping with the Father
Fellowshipping with the Lord
Fellowshipping with the Spirit
Fellowshipping with the Family

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"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all."
- 2 Corinthians 2:14

"And our fellowship is with the Father and
with his Son, Jesus Christ." - 1 John 1:3

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the
light, we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us
from all sin." - 1 John 1:7



https://youtu.be/OHps_fAZKHc

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Words and music: Keith Lancaster
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Lead: Gary Moyers

The song is dedicated to and written for Scott Homesley, "a good friend and a noble example." Scott sang in the group, "Reunion", which was formed by Keith Lancaster

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