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Follow Me

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1)

On at least three other occasions, Paul urges those who know him to be imitators of him or to follow him (1 Cor. 4:16; Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:6) and while not always expressly stated, it is to be understood that the example to be imitated is not Paul himself, but the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:21).

Truly, our lives are an open book being read daily by all with whom we come into contact with be it family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors and yes even those who dislike us. My friends, the things we say, the things we do, the places we seek entertainment and recreation all bear witness as to our love and commitment to the Lord we profess to follow (1 Tim. 4:12; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; Col. 3:1-2; Mark 12:28-31). As a child of God, we should be conducting ourselves in a manner that we can say as did Paul, "you should follow me as I follow Christ in the effort to secure our souls eternal destiny."

The Son of God had a great impact on this world during the time he lived among men. He had that impact because after telling people what they should do, he then set the example by doing those things (Acts 1:1; 1 Pet. 2:21). Study diligently his life as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and be impressed by his examples of love, mercy, forgiveness, and justice. Be impressed with his obedience to the Father (He, 5:8-9; Phil 2:5-8). Observe the concern he showed for the poor, the needy, the sick and the oppressed. Follow his footsteps as they go through the water of baptism, the wilderness of temptation the house of worship, the fields of service and the mountain of prayer.

If we are going to be the example we should be and influence others for Christ, we must show them that Christ lives in us and we are following the example he has set to the best of our ability (Galatians 6:10; James 1:22-27; James 2:14-20; Revelation 14:13; 1 Cor. 15:58). There are many differences of ability among us but one thing we all have in common with each other is summed up in one word, influence. Make no mistake about this, someone is watching and listening to us every day as we go about our daily routines. It could be our spouse, our children, a family member, neighbor, co-worker or even a total stranger. By our example, where are we leading them spiritually? That, my friend, is a soul-searching question for each of us to seriously think about.

Matthew 5:16 is an often-quoted verse: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." If we are going to influence others to glorify God, then we must demonstrate to them by the life we live that Christ lives in us (2 Cor. 5:6-10). I often tell people that one of my favorite verses is Gal.2:20. This is a verse that I quote to myself quite often these days and I end this message with those words: "I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

- Charles Hicks

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Sunday Worship for October 16, 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: Dave Snynn	Communion: Jim Snead
Servers: Brian Bungart		Dan Gross		tbd
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 9, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 3,640.00 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!

October: Lisa Bratcher – 13, Brian Bungart – 15, Cindy Snead – 17, Brittany Pringle – 19, Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 25.

November: Trinity Delay – 1, Serinity Delay – 1, Laura Beigler – 2, Brandon Zepf – 2, Jessica Zepf – 7, Dan Gross – 15, Haidyen Jones – 21, Julie Snynn – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24, Haddie Keagle – 29

Our Prayer List

- Please keep Wayne Hammock's friend Lorraine Maves in your prayers for healing. She had colon surgery to remove cancerous polyps at a hospital in Tacoma. The surgery went well.
- Pray for Wayne as it is that time of year when his precious wife Penny joined the saints in heaven. He misses her terribly.
- Pray for Troy Hill and his family - especially Glen's wife Deborah. Glen passed away Saturday evening.
- Next Monday Paula Hill will be getting her reconstructive surgery which is to take 10 hours. Pray for Paula and the surgeons and all the medical team who will be treating her. Pray for Troy and their children as they await the outcome. Pray for a successful surgery and healing.
- Pray for Nikole Karn and her upcoming marriage to Sean on the 16th. Pray for the Fry family and all those involved in this event.
- Pray for all of us who are suffering from the results of the smoke. This normally isn't sinus infection time.
- Peggy Hall is requesting prayers for her mother-in-law to be able to understand why it is important for her to transition from her home to assisted living. She is very resistant and pray for the family to be patient through the process.
- Shirley DeFord-Keen is requesting prayers for her husband Armin, who will be having both a left and right catheterization done to check any blockages in his heart. Pray also for Shirley's friend Wendy Alred who is in the ER and may need an emergency appendectomy.
- Please lift Gary White up in prayer for his recovery which is a slow process. Pray for Tammy for her sanity and exhaustion. Her brother will be here for a few days to help out. She will let Bonnie know if meals are needed.
- Praise: Dale and Lori Sander's daughter Amy received an award as a great 100 Nurse of Arkansas.
- Praise: LaDonna's daughter Lori had a successful brain aneurysm surgery and is recovering at LaDonna's.
- Pray for Honduras who are experiencing heavy flooding.
- Praise: Tony DelBarto is at home and getting PT helping to heal from hip replacement surgery.
- Pray for the upcoming wedding of Nikole Karn.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine, for our Deacons, Leadership team, Ministerial team, Teachers and the safety of our children at school.

Sunday Morning Children's Worship is Growing!

There will now be 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, October 28, 5:30 - 7 or 8 – at the Blair Home

Bob's Corn Maze – October 23 [More Info to Come]:

<https://www.bobscorn.com/Maze>

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

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

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Verse 1

I traveled down a lonely road
And no one seemed to care
The burden on my weary back
Had bowed me to despair
I oft complained to Jesus
How folks were treating me
And then I heard Him say so tenderly

My feet were also weary
Upon the Calv'ry road
The cross became so heavy
I fell beneath the load
Be faithful weary pilgrim
The morning I can see
Just lift your cross and follow close to Me

Verse 2

I work so hard for Jesus
I often boast and say
I've sacrificed a lot of things
To walk the narrow way
I gave up fame and fortune
I'm worth a lot to Thee
And then I hear Him gently say to me

I left the throne of glory
And counted it but loss
My hands were nailed in anger
Upon a cruel cross
But now we'll make the journey
With your hand safe in Mine
So lift your cross and follow close to Me

Verse 3

Oh Jesus if I die upon
A foreign field someday
T'would be no more than love demands
No less could I repay
No greater love hath mortal man
Than for a friend to die
These are the words
He gently spoke to me

If just a cup of water
I place within your hand
Then just a cup of water
Is all that I demand
But if by death to living
They can Thy glory see
I'll take my cross and follow close to Thee
I'll take my cross and follow close to Thee
Close to Thee



<https://youtu.be/e0Tlq89X4nl>

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