

**A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ  
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**FOLLOW THE LIGHT!**

It has been said, “The flower that follows the sun does so even on cloudy days.” (Robert Leighton)

A reality of the weather is that not every day is clear and sunny. Sometimes a thick layer of clouds obscures the sun’s light. However, the sun is still there shining above and the flowers, sensing its rays, continue to be drawn its direction and receive the light needed for thriving!

The same ought to be considered regarding our own life. There are days of great warmth, but there are also those moments of gloomy grey. Though there are life experiences which can cloud our perception of life and dampen our sense of hope, we need to remember the Son continues to reign and still shines! Even through life’s darker moments, are we still drawn toward the Son Who continues shining His rays of forgiveness, hope, life, love, mercy, and peace? Like the flower, are we continuing to sense the abiding presence of the light of Christ and so continue being drawn to focus toward Him?

Let us be encouraged by the words of Jesus where we read. . .

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’ ”

- John 8:12 ESV)

He shines! He gives light! May we keep looking to Him to pierce the darkness as we continue walking in His light and absorb the “light of life” by which we can continue thriving!

Have a great day ALLOWING YOUR FOCUS TO FOLLOW THE SON!

- Carl Hanson

*Just a  
thought...*

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

- Matthew 5:14-16

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- [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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### **Sunday Worship for September 4, 2022** (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed after communion for Children's Church)

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: Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Jon Powless	Communion: Dave Snyp
Servers:	Gary Chasteen	Rick Velasco	Brian Bungart	
<b>9:30am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert		<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Combined Class		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID				
<b>Acts Class</b> (Zoom) No class for the rest of summer		<b>Prayer &amp; Praise Meeting</b> (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm		
<b>Men's Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> (Zoom) Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>The Sing Thing</b> – Thursday 6:00pm at the building We'll sing our favorite hymns & spiritual songs. This will also be a great time to learn (or help someone else learn) to sing one of the harmony parts.				

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

Communion will again be available on the table at the front. Or you may 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. We have a lock mailbox.

Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com	August 28, 2022 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,815.00
If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	

### **Happy Birthday!**

**September:** Savannah Wilson – 1, Sydney Monk – 4, Kristi Hall – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Cindy Snead – 17, Brittany Pringle – 19, Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24.

**October:** Tim Duffy – 4, Kristy Hall – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Cindy Snead – 17, Brittany Pringle – 19, Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 25.

# Our Prayer List

- Tammy White would like prayers for her cousin Kathy Johnson who has been diagnosed with leukemia. She also has Lupus.
- LaDonna's daughter, Lori has surgery for her brain aneurysm scheduled for September 15th. Pray for a successful surgery and complete recovery.
- Pam Woodrow tripped over an electrical cord and broke 2 fingers and a few ribs. Pray for complete and quick healing.
- Jon Powless has an MRI scheduled on September 15th. Pray for good results.
- Tony DelBarto was removed to Cottesmore for Rehab on Monday. Pray for his complete recovery and healing. Pray the VA application for assistance in changes in their home to accommodate his disabilities can be approved in a timely manner for when he is able to come home.
- Continued prayers for our brothers and sisters: Barbara Byrd, Frankie Gower, Sharon McDaniel, Karen Nance, Virginia Chapman, Janet McKinley, Tammy and Gary White, Troy Hill's father Glenn, with different issues.
- Pray for the workers fixing up the duplexes and Praise for their dedication.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray for our Deacons, Ministerial Team, Leadership Team as they work for the good of our church.

## Meals on Wheels Kitsap

God works in all of us and brings us to opportunities. **Bonnie Mitchell** has been involved in **Meals on Wheels Kitsap** for years, and as always is tireless in her work for those who are in need. God has led her to involving our church over the years.

Because of Covid so many things changed and deliveries to those that were homebound were limited, several years ago we did birthday gifts to the homebound but then were restricted during the Covid shutdown.

Today the ladies fellowship brought together items they had purchased and created 20 birthday gifts for the Meals on Wheels Kitsap homebound individuals they deliver to. It was a great collaboration of folks from our church and other believers in the neighborhood. Personal, practical and fun items were all placed in a bag or a box.

We were able to put birthday card wishes in each one, we are restricted from providing scriptures etc. but we can sign our cards with Port Orchard Church of Christ Ladies Fellowship Group!

This is a monthly mission of this group, and we would love for others to join us in supporting this good work, so if you have an interest, please contact Bonnie.

Praise God for the good from the hands of the few for the many!



Financial Peace University  
September 13, 2022  
6:00pm at the building

\$39 per couple  
(Potential Scholarships are available)

To register, go to  
[pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com)