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The Blind Girl

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, "If I could only see the world, I will marry you."

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend. He asked her, "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?"

The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him. Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: "Take good care of your eyes, my dear; for before they were yours, they were mine."

- Today before you say an unkind word—think of someone who can't speak.
- Before you complain about the taste of your food—think of someone who has nothing to eat.
- Before you complain about your spouse—think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.
- Today before you complain about life—think of someone who went too early to heaven. Before whining about the distance you drive—think of someone who walks the same distance.
- And when you are tired and complain about your job—think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.
- And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down—put a smile on your face and remember that you are alive and still around.

Always foster an attitude of gratitude. It will change your life.

- Francis Shipp

Easter Month:

For the four Sundays in April, we will focus our worship time on Jesus; from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, His arrest and trial, His death, His burial, His resurrection, His ascension, and all the way thru to Pentecost and the beginning of the church.

Please join us as we worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Our Prayer List

- Brooke Armenta's cousin Joe is in Tacoma General dying. Prayers are being asked for his lungs to heal.
- Pray for healing for Heather's aunt who is in the hospital.
- Mike, one of the homeless men died from a massive heart attack. Lift up his family in prayer.
- Pray that the rampant drugs running in our community can be curtailed.
- Pray for wisdom for those who enforce drug abuse and for their safety.
- Keep Barbara Byrd in your prayers. She isn't doing very well.
- Many of our brothers and sisters are experiencing covid and the flu. Pray for their recovery and protection of all our brothers and sisters from this.
- From Mary Carter: Rubin Carter has been in the hospital for several days and they found that he too has cancer...internal abdomen. We are waiting for the pathology report to come back so we can begin treatment...my surgery will then follow. Thank you so much! Love to you all.
- Prayers are requested for Zach and Merideth Russell and their twin daughters, in Boise, who were born prematurely on Wednesday evening. One of the girls weighs 1lb-9oz and the other is 2lb. Zach is the son of Brian and Sammie Russell.
- Praise: LaDonna's daughter Lori had a successful surgery and is home recovering. Please keep Lori and the family in your prayers.
- Continue to pray for Brooke Armenta, who is still having medical issues.
- Continued prayers are requested for Daniel (Fry's grandson) and his mother, Lisa.
- Pray for Rich who is moving to Arizona. Pray this will be a true blessing for him. Pray also for his mother Barbara, who will be missing him.
- Continue to pray for Theresa Scott, who has stage 4 cancer and was told it is terminal. She will begin radiation soon.
- Keep our newlyweds, Robert and Jessica Belshay, in your prayers.
- Please keep the names of our new family members in constant prayer. Please add our recent baptisms to your prayer list so we can help them grow: Greg Wood and his daughter Alexia Wood, Stafford Carter, Stan Whisenant, Hal Williams, Rich Hurd, Barbra Hurd, Ben Thomas, and Danika Armenta.
- Pray for the Mercy Mobile ministry, led by Cisco and Heather Velez as they minister to the homeless.
- Pray for our leadership team and all our ministries.
- Pray for Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings – both physical and spiritual.

Note: Since the bulletin is only published weekly, these prayer requests are not always the most current.
To receive these requests promptly, contact Bonnie Mitchell at 360-265-3266.

New Contact Info for Roger & Karen

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4126 Carr Ln SE - Port Orchard, WA 98366 (360) 443-2130 (home)	

Baby Shower for Amber Hurd
 March 19th @ 12:15pm
[Amber's Registry](#)

If you bring diapers (any size) you will
 receive a raffle ticket to win a prize.

LTC - a kick-off dinner
 March 26, 2023
 Members of the congregation
 are encouraged to come.

Amber & Nick's Wedding
 April 1, 2023 – 2:00pm

CPR Class
 March 18
 9:00am - noon

POCOC Web Site (<http://pococ.weebly.com/>)

- Weekly Bulletin – Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/> then click on Bulletin & Newsletters
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online. Click on Teachings
- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous video 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.



Sunday Worship for March 19, 2023 (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 Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Greg Warner	Communion: Cisco Velez	Offering: Darrell Fry
March Servers – Brian Bungart Dave Lawrence Elijan Herbert Terry Bratcher					
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium 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 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 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			February 12, 2023 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,626.00		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					

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!

March: Darrell Fry – 25, Roger Taylor – 31

April: Jim Snead – 6, Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17

Safe Thus Far

On this day of calm reflection
We lift up our hearts in praise
We are here by your protection
Guided safely through our days
Looking back, we see your blessing
Through the years, Your care has spanned
Lord, Your love beyond expressing
Brought us here, by grace we stand

Now we see the work around us,
Walking worthy of Your call.
Opportunities surround us,
Serving You demands our all
Blessed with knowledge, skill and treasure,
We will work with strength renewed
Taking joy in Your good pleasure
We commit our works to You.

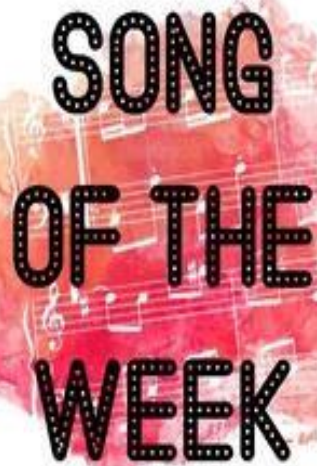
Down the path that lies before us,
Mortal eyes may not yet see.
Yet Your promises restore us
Where You are, there we shall be
So, wherever You may take us
You, our guide, our morning star
We know You will not forsake us
You have led us safe thus far

Know, Grow, Go!

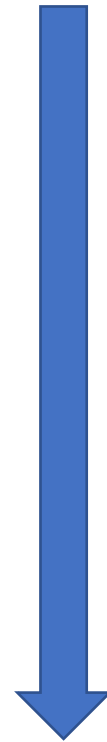
“Teach me *knowledge* and good judgment,
for I trust your commands.” - Psalms 119:66

“Speaking the truth in love, we will *grow* to become
in every respect the *mature* body of him who is the
head, that is, Christ.” - Ephesians 4:15

“For this God is our God forever;
He will be our *guide* even to the end.”
- Psalms 48:14



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<https://youtu.be/hwSgy5rC3cQ>

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Lyrics by WELLS & S.E, Rouse

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1. On this day of calm re - flec - tion, We lift up our hearts in praise;
2. Now we see the work a - round us: Walk - ing worth - y of Your call;
3. Down the path that lies be - fore us Mor - tal eyes may not yet see;



We are here by Your pro - tec - tion, Guid - ed safe - ly through our days.
Opp - or - tun - i - ties sur - round us; Serv - ing You de - mands our all.
Yet Your prom - i - ses re - store us: Where You are, there we shall be.



Look - ing back, we see Your bless - ing Through the years Your care has spanned;
Blessed with know - ledge, skill, and trea - sure, We will work with strength re - newed;
So where - ev - er You may take us, You our guide, our Morn - ing Star,



Lord, Your love, be - yond ex - press - ing, Brought us here - by grace we stand.
Tak - ing joy in Your good plea - sure, We com - mit our works to You.
We know You will not for - sake us; You have led us safe thus far.