

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ October 8, 2023

## How Do We Approach Scripture?

- Scott Elliott

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."* (Isaiah 55:8-9)

### What happens when a person engages with Scripture?

There are two possibilities. We either confine Scripture to fit within our personal worldview and belief system, or allow Scripture to expand our minds and challenge our beliefs. The first way is a temptation for all of us because it comforts us. We like to have our biases and beliefs confirmed rather than confronted. The second way can make us uncomfortable, so we may try to avoid it. Having our beliefs challenged can be frightening, but this is the nature of God's word. His ways are not our ways. We should expect to be stretched mentally and spiritually each time we open the word of God. We should conform to God's word rather than have God's word conform to us.

### How do we accomplish this?

- We don't come to the text assuming we know what it says. Instead, we let the text speak to us.
- We don't search Scripture to find verses to affirm what we already believe. Instead, we allow what we read in Scripture to form and shape our beliefs.
- We approach Scripture with a humble spirit. We come ready to accept whatever we find even if it is challenging or makes us uncomfortable.
- We read the Bible with a sense of curiosity. We ask questions. We seek to learn from what God has given us. We are ok with having our minds expanded and learning something new.
- We come willing to give up on our own allegiances, preferences, desires, etc. and submit to God and his ways.


*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."*

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)



## Our Prayer List

- Wayne Hammock's Diante's (husband of Sydney) uncle is hospitalized in Seattle and isn't doing well. Please keep Diante's uncle and family for healing and comfort.
- Pray for Fuschia Gaskin as she recovers at home from her recent surgery.
- Continue to pray for recovery for Heather Velez's brother Chris Chilton, who had surgery to remove a kidney.
- Cisco's father had a heart attack. Pray for his recovery and for his upcoming surgery.
- Frankie is home in very good shape. She will be living with her daughter Lisa in Olalla. Visits can be arranged.
- Pray for protection from this new round of Covid.
- Continued prayers for the Celletti and McDaniel families.
- Pray for Brooke Armenta and Nancy Armenta who are waiting while the medical staff figures out what treatment they can do for each of them.
- Pray for our schools – the administration, teachers and pupils for a safe and productive year.
- For all those who are struggling, pray they may find peace.
- Prayers for Bruce and Debbie Sharp's son Adam who has brain cancer.
- Pray for Rebanette, who is not doing well.
- Brian Bungart's aunt (his mom's older sister) passed away. Pray for the family.
- Angie asked us to pray for her family.
- Pray for our SLT and ministries that they will make God-led decisions.
- Praise God for all he is doing for our church, our spiritual and physical blessings and needs.



All-church  
**Potluck**      October 8<sup>th</sup> 2023  
After our morning  
time of worship

*Don't Worry*  
**God** is never blind to your  
tears, never deaf to your prayers,  
and never silent to your pain.  
**He sees, He hears**  
and **HE** will deliver.

## 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](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.



<b>Sunday Worship</b> <b>October 8, 2023</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children's Church after communion) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a>					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Darrell Fry	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Cisco Velez	Communion: Fuzzy Volpitta	Offering: Fuzzy Volpitta
For the latest worship leader schedule, click this link: <a href="http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf">http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf</a>					
October Servers – Brian Bungart   Elijah Herbert   Dan Gross   Terry Bratcher					
<b>9:30 am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
<b>Men's Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			<b>Ladies in the Word</b> Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>Bible Class &amp; Prayer</b> Colossians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> 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			Oct. 1, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,866.05  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!**

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

**November:** Laura Beigler – 2, Brandon Zepf – 2, Jessica Zepf – 7, Brian Bungart – 15, Dan Gross – 15, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24.

## Word of God Speak

### Verse 1

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what You would say

### Chorus

Word of God speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
To be still and know  
That You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In Your holiness  
(Word of God speak)

### Verse 2

I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You  
And in the quiet hear Your voice

### Ending

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay

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And we also thank God continually because,  
when you received the word of God,  
which you heard from us,  
you accepted it not as a human word,  
but as it actually is, the Word of God,  
which is indeed at work in you who believe.

[1 Thessalonians 2:13 \(NIV\)](#)

For you have been born again, not of  
perishable seed, but of imperishable, through  
the living and enduring word of God.

[1 Peter 1:23 \(NIV\)](#)



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