

# **A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ February 25, 2024**

## **The Saddest Farewell**

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, and said, "Where have they laid him?" They said to Him, Lord come and see. Jesus wept (John 11:33-35)

Jesus has been summoned to Bethany where his friend, Lazarus, has died. As he stands before the tomb of his friend beholding the weeping taking place, we are told that Jesus was deeply moved in spirit and troubled, then John simply says, Jesus wept. Even though Jesus knew what he was going to do, knew that his friend was going to walk out of that tomb alive, he wept with Mary, Martha and all those gathered at that tomb. While there are different opinions as to why Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend, I have to believe that at least one of the reasons is that he was fondly and tenderly touched by the deep sorrow and grief that now enveloped Mary and Martha.

This is an event in the life of Jesus that sends many thoughts surging through my mind, thoughts that begin with the truth that the saddest farewells we ever have to say in this life are those in which we must bid farewell to someone we love dearly as they shed these earthly bonds. Just as it was with Mary and Martha, our hearts are made heavy and tears flow unbidden from our eyes and our hearts are overwhelmed with grief.

I pray we all understand that just as it was with Mary and Martha, as a child of God we can turn to Jesus who knows and understands our struggle (Hebrews 4:13-16, Psalms 62:1-2, 1 Pet. 5:6-7). In him we will find the strength, courage and peace we need to keep us safe as we continue our journey down the pathway of life (Phil. 4:6-7, Romans 8:28, 31.35-39). Each day I live today, the words of Isaiah 4:28-31 take on greater meaning for me, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary."

I love to sing, "The tempest may blow and the storm clouds arise, obscuring the brightness of life. I'm never alarmed at the overcast skies, the Master looks on at the strife. Living by faith in Jesus above, Trusting, confiding in His great love. From all harm safe, I'm living by faith and feel no alarm." Putting ourselves in the hands of Jesus, trusting and confiding in him, the heart overwhelmed with grief is made lighter when we consider the eternal glory that one day will be ours (2 Corinthians 4:17).

- Charles Hicks

# Our Prayer List

- Please keep Dale Sander's niece Genni Stone who is at 24 weeks carrying twins and concerns are she may deliver early. She is home but carefully being observed. Pray for the babies and their loved ones.
- Pray for Neda Herbert, who is receiving heart treatment.
- Nancy Armenta's brother-in-law Ken, whom we have been praying for, recently passed away. Also, please keep his wife Ida and the family in your prayers. Ida is in Swedish hospital, recovering from an aneurysm.
- Pray for Alyssa, our new Sister in Christ.
- Continue pray for to Michael and his medical issues. Please pray for him to have faith and trust in abundance in his new adventure with God.
- Jon Powless would like prayers about his foot. A decision will be made in the next two weeks about whether or not he will have additional surgery on his foot.
- Praise God that Bittany Pringle is home from the hospital. She is feeling better, but still needs healing, so continue to pray for her.
- Pray for Peggy Hall's mother Ruth, who is out of ICU and hopes to be released by Friday. Peggy is still quarantined at her mother's house. Pray for healing for both.
- Pray for all those who are ill, traveling and struggling.
- There are a lot of illnesses currently in our area. Pray for quick healing for all those who are suffering, and for safely for all those suffering in the cold weather.
- Welcome our new elders; Gary Chasteen, Darrell Fry, Bob McDaniel, Brad Orser, Dave Snypp & Greg Warner. Pray daily for them as they take on this leadership role. Pray also for their wives and families.
- Josh Bedford, Dan Gross, Roger Taylor, Fuzzy Volpitta, and Gary White are the men who are being considered to join Cisco Velez on our team of deacons. Pray for these men and their families.
- Pray also for Trent as he continues to preach the Word to us.
- Pray for all of the ministries in this congregation and those who work so hard for their success.
- Pray for our church, that God will lead us in the direction He has planned for us. Pray for our children and their classes and groups.
- Pray for Dale Sanders' father Glen, who lives in Colorado is recovering from hernia surgery.
- Prayers requested for Gary White and his family whose uncle passed away earlier this week.

## New Deacons

Remember that our new deacons will be installed this Sunday morning during our worship service.

Then all are invited to a luncheon downstairs following the service.

## Financial Peace University

Are your finances not working? Dave Ramsey has a seven step Plan called Financial Peace University that will change your financial life and your outlook on the money that you have and will have.

We will be starting a financial peace class on March the 20th at 6:15 p.m. at our church building. If this is for you, please talk with Trent or Darrell and sign up!

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- 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>February 25, 2023</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (No children's church this week)  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>					
February Servers – Brian Bungart   Elijah Herbert   Dan Gross   Terry Bratcher					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Darrell Fry	Communion: Cisco Velez	Offering: Cisco Velez
<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 – 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			February 18, 2024 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,609.00  If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		

## 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!

**February 2024:** John Casely – 28.

**March 2024:** Brad Orser – 12, Troy Hill – 15, Darrell Fry – 25, Roger Taylor – 31.

## When All of God's Singers Get Home

### Verse 1

What a song of delight in that city so bright  
Will be wafted 'neath heaven's fair dome  
How the ransomed will raise  
Happy songs in His praise  
When all of God's singers get home

### Chorus

When all of God's singers get home  
Where never a sorrow will come  
There'll be no place like home  
When all of God's singers get home

### Verse 2

As we sing here on earth  
Songs of sadness or mirth  
'Tis a foretaste of rapture to come  
But our joy can't compare with the glory up there  
When all of God's singers get home

### Verse 3

Having overcome sin hallelujah amen  
Will be heard in that land o'er the foam  
Ev'ry heart will be light  
And each face will be bright  
When all of God's singers get home

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*And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. – Revelation 5:9*

*The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17*

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

Colossians 3:16



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