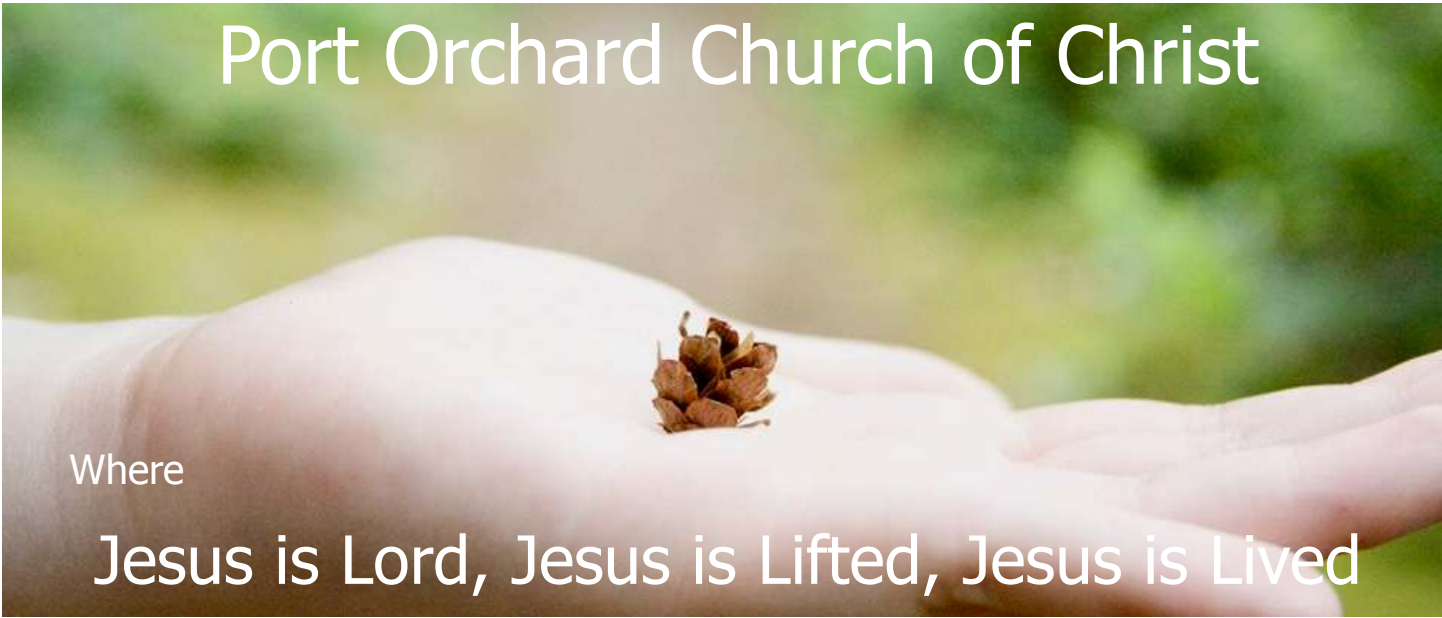

Port Orchard Church of Christ



Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Excerpt from *Shattered Christ* by Stanley Hauerwas

One of my favorite theologians is a gentleman by the name of Stanley Hauerwas. He has been integral into the development of my personal theology. The following comes from a fantastic little book on the final six words of Christ during his crucifixion, "Cross Shattered Christ." "'It is finished' is not a death gurgle. 'It is finished' is not 'I am done for'. 'It is finished will not be, as we know from the tradition of the ordering of these words from the cross, the last words of Jesus. 'It is finished' is a cry of victory. 'It is finished' is the triumphant cry that what I came to do has been done. All is accomplished, completed, fulfilled work. The work that is finished, moreover, is the cross. He will be and is resurrected, but the resurrected One remains the one crucified...The Gospel of John makes explicit what all the Gospels assume—that is, the cross is not a defeat but the victory of our God...On the sixth day of creation 'God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good' (Genesis 1:31). So on the seventh day 'God

finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had done' (Genesis 2:2). Accordingly the seventh day was hallowed. But God's work, the work of the Trinity, is consummated in Jesus's great declaration from the cross, 'It is finished.' His life, his death, his resurrection, as Irenaeus insisted, recapitulates creation, recapitulates God's covenant with Israel, uniting creation and redemption in Incarnation."

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Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to try out Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, I would like to give you a warm welcome to our congregation. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, I pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith.

We seek here to worship God like the first century church did, with a sense of awe and with a

fear of the Lord. Some things we do might seem old fashioned or traditional, but we want you to know that at its core, it is for the praise of God's glory.

You are not required to do anything weird or ostentatious. We hope that you feel free to join us in worshipping God to the best of your abilities. If you have any specific needs we have a ministry staff that would love to connect with you. Ask the people sitting around you for their

names and to point them out!

Once again, we are so happy to have you here worshipping with us and we hope this is a chance to worship God in a deep and meaningful way.

Cody Rousseau

Save the Dates!

Tuesday 9/22 Ladies Bible Class

Sunday 9/27 Sunday Night Worship

Tuesday 9/29 Ladies Bible Study

Saturday 10/3 Deacons Meeting

Sunday 10/4 Congregational Meeting

Sunday 10/4 Corn Maze! (Teen Event)

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Romans 11: From Wild Olive Trees

This week we will be going over the 11th chapter of Romans. We will be discussing Paul's words pertaining to the Gentile addition to the flock of God. We will be discussing our work and perspective in light of the words Paul has for us. May you prayerfully consider Romans 11 this week.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery and Communion Sign-ups

Are you gifted with little kids? Would you like to serve somehow but don't know where to start? We have just the place for you! We need for more people to sign up for doing the nursery and communion prep/clean-up. Both of these jobs are very important for our Sunday services, so if you feel like you are willing and able, please sign up in the foyer for the next opportunity. Don't know what these different serving opportunities look like/ require? Just see Cody Rousseau after church and he'll walk you through them.

Places To Serve in Sunday Worship

If you would like to be involved in some way with the worship service on Sundays during the service, in the Children's Bible Hour, or want to join/host a small group or bible study, please contact the office with an email and get put into the rotation!

Serving Sept 20, 2015 :

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| Prayer Leader: | James Greer | Communion Prep: | Eloise Gerard |
| Scripture Reader: | Cody Rousseau | Communion Cleanup: | Rousseaus |
| Offering Thoughts: | Ray Switzer | Praise Team: | TBD |
| Communion Meditation: | Darrell Fry | | |
| Servers: | B. Karn & T. Bratcher | | |
| Ushers: | I. Zepf & B. Zepf | | |
| Greeters: | J. & M. Furstenwerth | Children's Church Helper: | Laura Fry |
| Nursery Attendants: | Pilita & Myron David | Fellowship Team: | Donuts— M. Furstenwerth |
| Sound: | J. Bickle | | Coffee— J. Furstenwerth |
| Slides/Lighting: | L. Bratcher | | Cleanup— M. Furstenwerth |



Also, if you are interested in preaching, please contact James Greer or Cody Rousseau and they will schedule you for a Sunday. We would love to hear from more members of our congregation on Sunday morning sharing God's word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Elder Study Group

The Elder Study Group (ESG) has been working to finish up the meals with members. They have met with almost all of the families in our congregation to share their last year's experience. If you have not been able to make dinner with them happen yet please contact Carla Duffy at 360-509-6975 or her email: walkinginhim@yahoo.com. The group is trying to be finished with these meals by the 24th of September.

Youth Group

For youth group this year we are going to begin meetings once again on the 23rd of September. That will be a meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:00PM and running until 9:00PM. The plan is to have dinner, and discuss the options for our study going forward with the school year. We will also be discussing the year in terms of our activities that the area churches are working on.

Group will meet at the Rousseau apartment at 7:00PM on Wednesday the 23rd. IF you have any questions please contact Cody.

Area Ministry News

After meeting for the monthly youth workers lunch the schedule for the coming year has begun to take shape. This year it has been decided that there will be no areawides. In lieu of the usual monthly meeting of area churches for a teen night, there will be monthly activities to jointly attend. Dates and specifics will be posted in Tuesday updates, the teen Facebook page, bulletins and announcements on Sunday mornings as needed. Please be attentive to these publications, messages and postings so your teen doesn't miss any of the cool events that are upcoming!

Happy Birthdays!

September has arrived! Fall is coming and the leaves are starting to take on beautiful colors! With this new month we have a new set of birthdays to celebrate. Remember to mark these dates and wish these brothers and sisters a happy birthday this month!

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Our Prayer List

Byron Bungart who has pending brain surgery, and with **Dan** who is going to be in OK assisting with family.

Kenny Benjamin healing for his eye issues.

Ken Woodrow who is in room 365 at St. Anthony's for healing and a fast recovery.

Runell Mason for peace and strength.

Judy VanLeuven For continued healing after her surgery.

Jim Snead and his mother and the decisions that may have to be made.

Isaac Benjamin as he continues his treatments.

Our church, deacons, Cody, and our Nation.

Our Children back in school and away from us.

Sept 13, 2015

Worship: 70

Class: 36

Offering: \$4,767.30

Goal: \$3,437.50

1st– Savannah Wilson. 5th– Deja Cormier; Benjamin Mason. 9th– Barbara Byrd. 13th– Pene Hammock; Dave Lawrence. 17th– Eloise Gerard; Kayli Benjamin. 21st– Charlie Fender. 25th– Pam Woodrow. 29th– Eunice Orser.

Ladies Bible Study

If you are a lady who is interested in a bible study and you haven't yet attended the bible study hosted by LaDonna Latham Tuesday mornings at 9:00am yet, please consider adding this to your weekly schedule. This is a wonderful morning event held at the church building, a good chance to build deeper relationships with some of the women at our congregation, to learn about the bible, to pray and share, and mostly to experience community. If you need information about this please contact LaDonna or show up this Tuesday to dive into the word!

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