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Join us December 31st
5:15-9pm in the Sanctuary.
for a New Years Eve
Family Bunco Night!
All are welcome!
We will open the doors at
5:15pm. Food will start at
5:30pm and the game will
start at 6pm. We will wrap
up the game around 8pm,
award prizes and clean up.

We plan to celebrate New Years East Coast Time at 9pm with a cider toast and call it a night!
Please bring finger food to share. Beverages provided.
Questions? Contact April Wilder or Trish Weron.

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## The Purpose of Time

When did time begin? Genesis 1:1 reveals that, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." When the beginning began, time began. Prior to God initiating the beginning there was no time. God is uncreated, self-existent and always has been. There was never a time when He was not. There was no such thing as time, but God has always been. God does not live in eternity. Eternity lives in God. He is infinite in every way imaginable, and more.

After the beginning, God began identifying time in increments of measure; "And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day." (Genesis 1:5) And God continued, evening and morning for six days. Then, having completed creation God rested on the seventh day, and the repeating cycle of seven-day weeks began. We now group and measure those days & weeks into months, years, centuries, and millennia from the first day up to our present time; for how long we do not know. God does.

From the very beginning, and before, God has had a plan. As the history of mankind unfolded over time God began enacting His plan. When Adam & Eve disobeyed God and acted independently of His revealed ways of life and goodness, death entered and creation was cursed because of their sin. At that time God revealed His plan to restore men and women to eternal life with Him, that death would separate them no more.

God said to the deceiver who lured them into sin, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." (Genesis 3:15)

In Bibles that capitalize all references to the person of God, "her Seed" is capitalized, referring to the incarnation of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. All humanity has waited for millennia for that to happen. Others have waited longer.

So, from the standpoint of time... when would it happen? Once again, no one knew except God, and He wouldn't tell. God alone; Father, Son and Holy Spirit waited, knowing. Quite possibly angels were actively anticipating the most dramatic event of all time; God, the Creator of humanity becoming human. I suspect that many, maybe most Hebrew people believed Messiah would one day come. But they had probably slipped into thinking of it happening in some distant time in the future. It had been so long. They had been through so much.

As it turns out, God had tipped off an elderly man named Simeon that he would see the Messiah with his own eyes before he died. Being quite old already, his anticipation was heightened, and the Spirit specifically prompted him to go to the temple that very day. And sure enough, in walked Joseph and Mary with the Child Jesus. (Luke 2:25-35)

That unprecedented history changing even is identified in light of time in Galatians 4:4-7. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

"The fullness of time." God's time is always exactly the right time, and we live in a time when The Promise has been fulfilled and is offered to us.

John 1:12 tells us, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name"

Romans 8:15 reveals, "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'."

II Corinthians 6:18 confirms God's promise, "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

God waited a long time to bring this promise to us. II Peter 3:9 encourages us, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

What is the purpose of time? To facilitate the will of God for us.

Merry Christmas!!

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The Husband's Group and the 4th Sunday Prayer Time will be on Break for December.

There will not be a potluck in December.
Also, be sure to check with Life Group leaders about holiday schedules for each group as to not miss a meeting or fun holiday plan!



Are you between the ages of 18 and 28? You're welcome to join THRIVE.

They meet Thursdays at 6:45PM in the PCF Sanctuary for a snack, worship, a message, and

discussion groups! For more information about Thrive go to their website: <a href="www.thriveharbor.com">www.thriveharbor.com</a>



#### **Directory Update Time**

If you have a change to your mail, phone, email, name, etc. please let the church office know by filling out

the "Update" flier on the information table in the entry way and putting it in the box outside the office. If you wish to be added to the churches directory and or mailing lists please fill out the flier as well!

We would love to include you if you call PCF home!



#### PCF Women's Prayer Group

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 630pm at the home of Diane Smith. Contact Diane 253-970-1568 or markdianewife@hotmail.com for address and additional information.



## PCF Soulfire Youth

PCF youth meet the 1st Sunday after service in the Student Ministry Building. We enjoy a meal together

and we are currently going through a book together. See Charles or April for details and join us if you are 6th grade through early college.

Soulfire's Christmas Party will be December 21st at Charles and April's home from after service until 8pm. We will have games, gifts, Mexican food and much, much more!

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# connect

Would you like to get to know a bit more about Peninsula Christian Fellowship? Do you want to become a PCF member? Sign up for a **Connect Meet Up.** This 30-60 minute get together can be however you'd like it to be. Would you like to meet with one of the pastors after church? Would you like to go out to coffee with one of them and go over who we are as a church or even do so over dinner? The material is available on our website at welcometopcf.org under the "About Us" tab by clicking "Church Membership." We have the material presented in the video on the page and the printable version under the "Our Essential Beliefs" link. We'd love to have you call PCF your church home. Let us know who you are and to welcome you to PCF!!

We're glad you are here and we look forward to knowing you better. To sign up, fill out the **Connect Meet Up** form online on the main page or fill out the form on the

information table and place it in the box outside the church office.



Scan the QR code and join PCF's text alerts!
You can also send us prayer requests or ask questions about upcoming events!
Text Number:
833-237-9238



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Join us in 2026 with our scripture memorization challenge. Once a month we will have a piece of scripture to memorize. All of the scriptures we will be focusing on through the year are one's intending to help share the gospel with people. We hope you will take this challenge on with us!



In 2026 we hope to begin offering the opportunity to have classes before and after church. Maybe even a new Life Group! In January we will begin by offering an introduction to teaching a class on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after service. Mark your calendars if you are interested or reach out to the office with questions.

#### **Year End Gifts**

For our holiday giving focus, the information bulletin board in the entry will display our supported missionaries during the holiday season. Take a photo of their donation information and bless them this holiday season. You may gift them through the church as well, just indicate on your memo line or select "missions" on Tithely

## **Holiday Blessings**

This year we will be providing families that are in need of some

help this Christmas with a gift card for a local grocery store. If you know a family in need of some assistance in making this holiday season a little brighter please fill out a Holiday Blessing name flier found on the entryway information table. Names are due December 14th. Gifts will be distributed the next day. Please be sure to indicate if you would like to deliver or if the gift needs to be mailed. If mailed, be sure to provide an accurate mailing address. If you wish to give towards the Christmas blessing please just indicate on your check or money envelope "Holiday Blessings" and turn it in with your tithe in the box outside the office or designate online. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions.

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#### Key Peninsula/Port Orchard

Leaders: Jason & Trisha Weron

Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm

Meeting @ Eric and Wendy Pierson's Contact Trisha Weron: 253-514-0696

#### **Tacoma**

Leaders: Peter & Betsy Smith

Tuesdays 6:30-8pm Meeting - location varies

Contact Peter Smith: 253-732-6018

#### Gig Harbor

Leaders: Ted and Diane Wilder

Thursday 6:30-8pm Meeting - location varies

Contact Ted Wilder: 253-225-0487

#### Gig Harbor

Leaders: Trisha Weron and Peter

**Smith** 

Wednesday 630-8pm

Meeting - PCF Coffee Corner

Contact Trisha Weron: 253-514-0696

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FINANCIAL RECAP Monthly Budget	\$16,163.00
November	\$16,254.03
+ or (-) Budget	\$91.03
Total Budget Year to Date	\$177 793 00

Actual Income to Date \$170,412.45

+ or (-) Total Budget Year Income (\$7,380.55)

#### 2026 Financial Budget Budget Presentation will be December 7th after service. Budget Vote will be December 21st after service.



Tithes and offerings can be given at church, by mail or online. At church place your tithes and offerings in the box outside of the church office. For online giving; go to the website and scroll down to the "Donate Now" button to give through the Tithe.ly app.

#### **Year End Giving**

If you would like your contributions to be designated for 2025 please make sure to place in the box, postmark or donate online by December 31st.

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## December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	I 630pm Women's Prayer	2 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	3 PCF Office Hours Life Group @PCF	4 Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ PCF	5	6
7 10am PCF Worship Service Youth Group	8	9 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	I0 PCF Office Hours Life Group @PCF	II Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ PCF	12	13
14 10am PCF Worship Service	15 630pm Women's Prayer	16 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	17 PCF Office Hours Life Group @PCF	18 Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ PCF	19	20
2 I  10am PCF Worship Service Youth Group at Wilder's  Expanded Coffee Corner	22	23 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	24 7pm Christmas Eve Service	25 christmas	26	27
28 10am PCF Worship Service	29	30 PCF Office Hours <b>Life Groups</b>	31 PCF Office Hours 5:15pm BUNCO	Hap	2026 ppy New Year!	



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## **Expanded Coffee Corner**

Instead of our monthly potluck, we will be having an expanded coffee corner on December 21st. We will have an extra spread of treats before and after service to enjoy together and fellowship. Pre service treats will start at 930.