

# OUR HEARTBEAT

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON

**SUNDAYS @ 10am**

Ash Wednesday is tomorrow February 18<sup>th</sup>. I always have mixed feelings about Ash Wednesday. As a practice, remembering who we are and what we are, I believe it to be vital. We are remembering that God is God and we are... in some ways, just dust in the wind. It is a reminder of our limited nature and in contrast, God's infinite nature. This is good as long as it is paired with the fact that God chooses us. Limited though we are, God chooses us. God chooses to know us, to love us, and to forgive us, which is especially important because we, dust, cannot earn it and do not deserve it. It is a gift.

My mixed feelings come from getting that whole thing across. We say the words, we confess our inadequacy, we get ashes on our heads. But how much of the lesson of Ash Wednesday will stick? And what if it is only the you-are-dust-and-are-just-going-to-die-anyways part?

A practice that I have seen growing is to mix into the ashes a little bit of glitter. Not just to be amazingly sparkly, but to remind those that receive the ashes, that they are fearfully and wonderfully made by God; that they are loved. The glitter added to the ashes, does not take away the ashes and their lesson, but reminds the receiver, that the dust from which they were made also comes from God and God chose it to make wonderful you. God loves what God made in you.

For the record. I am not going to be using glitter. It is not a theological statement; I just do not like glitter. Ashes remind us that all things end. But in that end, for us, there is resurrection.




**SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**



**Don't let homelessness decide a child's future. Your time can help change it!**

At least 25 volunteers are needed in Vine Maple Place's Kent facility for these roles:

- Reading Champions - Provide one-on-one reading support through an engaging online program.
- Children and Youth Volunteers - Support kids through learning, play, and safe connection.
- Mentors - Be a steady, positive adult in a child's life.
- Activity Leaders - Lead fun, structured activities that bring stability and confidence to children.
- Front Desk Volunteers - Welcome families and help keep the center running smoothly.

Training is provided for every role.

Ready to help? Sign up today:

<https://www.vinemapleplace.org/volunteer-form>  
 Or contact Lisa O'Leary at 425-432-2119 ext. 104 or [LisaO@vinemapleplace.org](mailto:LisaO@vinemapleplace.org)

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**  
 April 4, 2025 from 1:00-2:30 PM

Ages toddler through 10 years old All families from FCC, Bensen Hill Coop, Vine Maple Place and our community are invited to join us. Bring your Easter basket and join in the fun.



**24 Hour Prayer Vigil**

We have started Lent so it's time to think about our 24 hour prayer vigil. The sign up sheet will be in the Narthex and I'll have it available in a document to sign up via online also. I will keep the document updated for all to see. If you want to sign up but can't do it physically at church or on the online document, let me know so I can get you added.

We're doing as we have been the past few years. Half in person & half from home or a quiet space of your choice. We will let you know the location in the church as soon as it is confirmed.

Friday April 3rd 6:00am - 6:00pm at the church, then Friday night 7:00pm - 5:00am Saturday morning April 4th from home. Sign up early to get your slot. You can split a 1 hour time with someone else doing 30 minutes each.

Any questions please contact me via phone, email or text. Brenda Barnes 253-632-5290



Begins March 8th

## Important Dates

### **EVERY SUNDAY**

Worship ~ 10:00 am  
Coffee Hour & Sunday School ~ 11:00 am

### **EVERY TUESDAY**

Mary/Martha Group ~ 10:30 am

### **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study ~ 10:00 am (zoom)  
ALL !N Worship ~ 6:00 pm

### **EVERY THURSDAY**

Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)

### **SATURDAY MARCH 7TH**

Early Birds @ Maggie's ~ 9:00 am  
Hand & Foot ~ 6:00 pm

### **TUESDAY MARCH 10TH**

Executive Team ~ 6:00 pm (Zoom)  
Program Cabinet Meeting ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)  
Heartbeat Submission Deadline

### **SATURDAY MARCH 14TH**

Elders Meeting ~ 9:00 am

### **SATURDAY MARCH 21ST**

Disciple Women's Breakfast @ Maggie's ~ 9:00 am  
Pinochle ~ 6:00 pm

### **SUNDAY MARCH 29TH**

Palm Sunday



## Continuing to Worship Together

As we worship together, we invite you to participate via zoom or In Person. We continue to care for our church family in the best ways possible.

For anyone that would like to join us via ZOOM, We are happy to help you set this up. Please email Pastor at [Colin@kentdisciples.org](mailto:Colin@kentdisciples.org) or Brenda at [officeangel@kentdisciples.org](mailto:officeangel@kentdisciples.org) for more information. Blessings & safety to all!

**Thank You for Serving!**

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS**

03/01 Colleen McMeen  
 03/08 Mary Gena  
 03/15 Silas Lee  
 03/22 Kaelee Bolme  
 03/29 Jason Lee

If you would like to read scripture please contact Elaine Patrick or Amie Jacot

**DIACONATE:** Teri Riordan  
 Steve Riordan

**SACRISTY:** Sandy Reeley

**SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:**

03/01 Nicole McRaney  
 03/08 Margaret Luke  
 03/15 Rosalie Sterner  
 03/22 Nicole McRaney  
 03/29 Theresa Lee

**ELDERS Meeting** is on the 2nd Saturday of each month, but be sure to reach out to your Elder if you need assistance.

**Birthdays**

Sheryl Michler 03/02  
 Nicole McRaney 03/06  
 Betty Shepard 03/07  
 Jennifer Raymond 03/09  
 Mack Woodward 03/17  
 Josephine (JoJo) Iskandar 03/20  
 Lesley Aeschliman 03/21  
 Ezra Lee 03/22  
 Joyce Goodale 03/23  
 Chris Medhurst 03/26  
 Garrett Cress 03/28  
 Erik Lee 03/29

**Anniversaries**

Phil & Debbie Bondurant 03/24  
 Tom & Debbie Pozzi 03/28



**Zoom Links for regular services, studies and groups**

**Bible Study** Wednesday @ 10am & Thursday @ 7pm **On Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/7067571886>

Meeting ID: 706 757 1886

+1 253 215 8782 US

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/7067571886>

**FCC Kent Worship Sunday @ 10am**

**Worshipping together in person & on Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/659719477>

Meeting ID: 659 719 477

+1 253 215 8782 US

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/659719477>

\*\*Links for meetings are sent to the team members each month before they happen.

**UPDATED September 30, 2025**

## OUR MISSION

1. *To invite people into a loving relationship with God through Jesus Christ;*
2. *To care for each other as children of God;*
3. *To build believers into disciples of Jesus Christ;*

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Colin McRaney  
Pastor  
Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday  
9:30 am—3:00 pm

Penney Young  
Office Administrator  
Office Hours:  
Tuesday—Thursday  
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Kaelee Bolme  
Director of Music Ministry

Brenda Barnes  
Office Volunteer

Dan Lenhart  
Custodian

## AND WE KEEP IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS:

Members At Home — All that are staying in their homes to worship remotely. Praying we all stay safe & healthy.

Those Serving Our Country — Jorge & Celestine Burgos-Erazo  
And Our First Responders.

And Don't Forget—Our Church Leaders, Our Community, and Our Friends.

## Stewardship Giving Information

Thank you for your continued support of our shared ministry here at First Christian Church of Kent. Your gifts go out into the world, but also work here at home. But that's not all that your gifts do, they feed the hungry, house the homeless, and clothe the naked. These are the things that Christ called us to do.

In these times of uncertainty, the needs that this congregation serves, have not disappeared. They are growing. Together we are able to do the work that God has called us to, the work that Christ taught us to do. You can mail offering directly to the church at:

First Christian Church  
PO Box 5009  
Kent, WA 98064

or contact Larry for online options. Which are either your bank bill payer or the FCC website using Stewardship Technology

If you would like your giving statement mailed out, let Larry know.

[253-656-9856](tel:253-656-9856) or [lshepard46@hotmail.com](mailto:lshepard46@hotmail.com)

## Our Invitation to You

The invitation of God's love is perfect and unconditional. Our invitation to you is unconditional as well. Regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, political stance, age, or ability, ALL are welcome. Period.

We are not perfect, but our invitation is heartfelt, and it is faithful.

We welcome all of God's creation to worship, serve, and participate with us in any capacity.

Christ's example of God's love guides our worship, our work, and our welcome, and it dwells at the center of our commitment to be an intentionally creative, inclusive, nurturing, and inter-generational church.

## First Christian Church of Kent

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