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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAYS @ 10am

Nursery is Provided!

From the Pastor

It is a wonderful blessing to be here in Kent finally, and to be serving this congregation. On behalf of myself, and my whole family, thank you for the warm welcome that we have received. A special thank you to those who have helped us in our moving and settling-in process. We're not quite done, there are still more boxes to unpack. I think they are multiplying somehow.

I am excited about our future ministry together. I just finished a meeting with the Worship Team and the rest of Lent into Holy Week is full of exciting worshipping opportunities. Before we know it, Easter will be here!

I am continually amazed by how well this church has managed the transition to a new pastor. You all have done a hard job very well and I thank you for that, because it has made my beginning here about as smooth as it could be. But that's not to say that we are done. There is still more to learn and more to do. So, I want to encourage you all in the work that you have done and to continue that work with the enthusiasm and energy that you have shown.

I am blessed to have been called to serve such a congregation as this.

Peace,
Rev. Colin McRaney

Sunday Mornings

PERFECT AND IMPERFECT: A LENTEN STUDY IN CONTRADICTION AND RELATIONSHIP

- 3/24—Luke 13:1-9 ~ *"Prosperity, 'worse sinner' and hope in a tended fig tree"*
- 3/31—Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 ~ *"Prodigal Son"*
- 4/07—John 12:1-8 ~ *"Judas and the costly ointment"*
- 4/14—Luke 19:28-40 ~ *"The whole Holy week from High to low"*
- 4/21—John 20:1-18 ~ EASTER - *"Perfect and imperfect"*



FIRST FRIENDS

If you have not been in our church on Wednesday nights lately, you are missing a lot of activity. Several groups meet on Wednesdays and you may find a place to experience God's grace.

Choir: Our Choir rehearses in the Community Room, 6:30-7:30. People are welcomed to this group at whatever level of singing you think you are at. The fellowship is great as people raise their voices to God. You can just show up or contact Kaelee Bolme.

Homework Club: Several adults gather each week to assist children and youth who need help with homework (6:15-7:30). You can participate in this gathering as a tutor or child needing help. Most school topics are covered, including reading and math. For more information please contact Elaine Patrick.

ALL IN: This is an education and worship experience for all ages and

abilities (6:15-7:15). We welcome families of all sizes (including families with a single person). Activities revolve around a chosen Bible story and are planned for toddlers, school-agers, and adults. The evening ends with a short worship. The intention is to learn and worship intergenerationally. You can just come or contact Theresa Lee.

Karate: From 6:30-7:30 children ages 5 through middle school learn the discipline of karate. Adults meet 7:30-8:30. This is a vibrant group of people who work and celebrate together. For more information contact Matt Coder.

If you are concerned about fixing dinner and getting to the church building by 6:15-6:30 come join us for dinner! Currently we serve pizza at 6:00 pm to all participants. If you would like to be part of helping cook a light meal for Wednesday nights let Theresa Lee know. We are putting teams together now.

Monthly Evening Worship

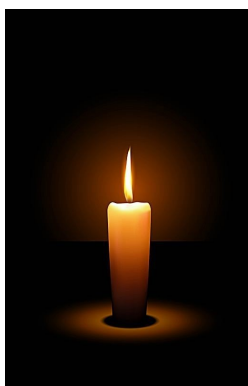
Each month on the first Sunday, Kent First Christian Church will offer its "Evensong" service in the sanctuary.

You can expect the service to offer a mix of extended times of stillness, Scripture readings, music, sacred reading (lectio divina), communion and the occasional guided meditation.

Our service is candle-lit and

emphasizes the contemplative side of worship. You are invited to come as you are and enter into a place of rest, prayer and reflection. We hope it will help you find a deeper place of spiritual attentiveness, a place where you experience God.

We welcome guests from other churches and faith traditions and those who are unfamiliar with traditional religious practices.



*Next EvenSong
Sunday, April 7
@ 5:00pm*

Contact Info Updates

****IMPORTANT****

Hello all members, regular attendees and visitors.

We need to update our data base with addresses, phone numbers and emails. If you could please contact Brenda Barnes by phone at **253-632-5290** OR email at **bkarnes62@gmail.com**, it would be extremely helpful to us and our new pastor. You may also fill out the connection card on Sunday and put it

in the offering tray.

If you would like to be added to our email prayer chain or phone prayer chain, please request that when you give your information. In addition, I'm trying to help the Elders update their info for their Shepherding groups.

Thank you,
Your Church Office Angel Brenda

Church Keys

We are reaching out to all who have keys to our building.

If you have a set of Church keys and don't use them regularly, could you please turn them in to either Karin in the office or Brenda Barnes when you see her.

If you help with Sacristy, you can check keys out for the month you are responsible for and then turn them in end of that month.

Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Benson Hill Auction

Benson Hill Co-Op Preschool, which uses part of the church during the day is holding an auction April 27 from 6 - 9 pm.

There will be items for up for bid in silent and live auctions - items available include bowling night, movie night, gift cards and more. Dinner is available for \$10 per person. Everyone is welcome to come support the preschool.

Easter Potluck

Larry and Betty Shepard will be hosting an Easter Potluck dinner after church on Easter Sunday, April 21st. They will provide ham, rolls, and drinks. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex for other food items.

Please join us for good food and conversation to celebrate the holiday. We will eat at 12:00, and then have time to visit.



Important Dates

EVERY SUNDAY

Adult Bible Study - 8:45 am
Worship - 10:00 am

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Bible Study - 10:00 am
Dinner for Everybody - 6:00 pm
First Friends ALL !N
Karate
Homework Club
Choir
6:30 pm

EVERY THURSDAY

Meditation Group - 7:00 pm

APRIL 2019

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Women's Breakfast at Shari's ~ 9 am
Mary Martha Quilting ~ 11 am

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Early Birds at Shari's ~ 8 am

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Hand and Foot Group ~ 6 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Community Ministry Team ~
11:30 am
EVENSONG ~ 5 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Women of Wisdom (WOW)
Luncheon ~ 12 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Program Cabinet ~ 7 pm
HEARTBEAT DEADLINE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Elders Meeting ~ 8 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

PALM SUNDAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Mary Martha Quilting ~ 11 am

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Maundy Thursday Service ~ 7 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

GOOD FRIDAY

24 Hour Prayer Vigil Starts ~ 6 am

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Egg Hunt ~ 11 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

EASTER SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

BHCP Auction ~ 6 pm

Women's Breakfast

The following women were at the breakfast on March 5: Laurie Eriks, Bev Riedler, Teri Riordan, Dorothy Connacher, Sharon Penwell, Karen Alliston, Betty Shepard, Roberta Richardson, Brenda Barnes and Amanda Norman.

Join us on Tuesday, April 2 at Lake Meridian Shari's at 9 am for our next get-together!

Early Birds Men's Breakfast

The men of the church met on March 7 for the Early Birds Breakfast. In attendance were Jim Osness, Dean Jacot, Roy Smith, Bob Richardson, Larry Shepard, Ken Wiley, Jim Aeschliman and Frank Osness.

All the men in the church are invited to the next breakfast meeting on Thursday, April 4 at the Lake Meridian Shari's at 8 am.

Thank You for Serving!

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

04/07	Stephanie Staylen
04/14	Phil Bondurant
04/21	Brent Ritchey
04/28	Judy Briggs

DIACONATE:

Tom Medhurst, Chair
Chris Medhurst
Colleen McMeen
Portia McGuire

SACRISTY:

Cheryl Hovind

SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

04/07	Karen Alliston
04/14	Margaret Luke
04/21	Betty Shepard
04/28	Linda Elliott

ELDERS BREAKFAST: (APRIL 13, 2019)

Chris McMeen
Nicole Lee
Jason Lee

Birthdays

Linda Elliott	04/02
Vera Dean Domitz	04/04
Irene Paquin	04/05
Roberta Richardson	04/06
Jessica Eames	04/07
Dean Jacot	04/07
Jo Leyerly	04/07
Chris McMeen	04/07
Pat Carter	04/08
Mark Lopez	04/12
Debbie Pozzi	04/12
Isaak Vanegas	04/12
Becky Lynn Walker	04/12
Phyllis Simpson	04/13
Karin Roney	04/13
Lois Nelson	04/16
Caroline Hoapili	04/18
Devon Vanegas	04/18
Bonnie Warrick	04/20
Tom Bannwarth	04/21
Leif Loken	04/23
Margaret Luke	04/24
Sandra Warnes	04/24
Theresa Lee	04/25
Heidi Winger	04/26
Pauline Painter	04/29
Brent Ritchey	04/29

Anniversaries

Bill & Robin Lantz	04/03
Mick & Portia McGuire	04/06
Bill & Theresa Lee	04/15

Disciple Women's Ministries WOW Luncheon

Join us for the next WOW Luncheon on Monday, April 8 at 12:00pm in Eckfeldt Hall.

If you need a ride please call Amie Jacot at 253-631-2576.

We look forward to seeing our Women of Wisdom for food and fellowship!



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;*
4. *To send disciples of Jesus Christ into ministry.*

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Colin McRaney
Pastor

Kaelee Bolme
Director of Music Ministry

Dan Lenhart
Custodian

Karin Roney
Administrative Assistant

Jason Lee
Nursery Coordinator

AND WE KEEP IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS:

Our Homebound—Shirley Brunk, Vera Dean Domitz, Kathleen Harr, Elaine Hinze, Elsie Horner, Shirley (Rigg) Klein, Bev Kramlich, Zona McMahon, Marie Neifert, Jeanne Pearson, and Pauline Painter.

Those Serving Our Country—Captain Ryan & Rachel Gifford, 1st Lt Eli McMeen, and Major Douglas & Deborah Shores.

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

Outreach

At the Outreach meeting in March, funds were approved to go to Week of Compassion, Vine Maple Place, Tacoma Rescue Mission, Catholic Community Services in Kent and World Relief for Refugees, in Kent.

Also, funds were approved to purchase supplies for H.O.M.E. and for Kent HOPE for the times when

they are staying in the church. The H.O.M.E. group stays with us two times and the Kent HOPE one month.

Thank you so much for your continued support of these important ministries!



Special Dates to Remember

April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service ~ 7:00-8:00 PM

April 19 - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil ~ Starts Friday 6:00 AM

April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt ~ 11:00-4:00 PM

April 21 - Easter Potluck ~ 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

*Christ
is
Risen!*

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