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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA
ZOOM OR IN PERSON

SUNDAYS @ 10am

First Christian Church of Kent
(Disciples of Christ)

OUR HEARTBEAT

From the Pastor

Being in the presence of God is a cure for Pride.

I was reading the beginning chapter of Ecclesiastes. The one with:

*All things are wearisome,
more than one can express;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing
or the ear filled with hearing.
What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will
be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.*

And later the author goes on to talk about how they have seen it all. Nothing has changed:

*it is an unhappy business that God has
given to humans to be busy with.*

The author concludes with an attestation that they are wise and know things. That knowledge and wisdom lead to sorrow. He is certainly sure of himself. Perhaps too sure.

It is true that in some things there is nothing new under the sun. In human pride and assurance that their thoughts are the right ones. That their wisdom is correct, and that others need to know. For me, I look to break pride. I look to break my assurance that I am right. That I am good. That I have the answers. That I am complete. If I am fully right, fully good, if I have the answers, and if I am complete, then I have nothing else. No place to grow. No work to do.

I don't seek true perfection, but constant imperfection and the work that goes with that. Seeking the peace and love of God that I may know it better. Being closer to God and His son Jesus Christ. I will never be them, nor am I meant to be. But I can be me. My imperfection, my work, my call, and yes, my rest.

I found a poem about rest:

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

The Peace of Wild Things
Wendell Berry

SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

It won't be long until a new school year starts. Many students will be in need of the proper supplies to start the year. It has been our pleasure for the last few years to help provide what the children may need to be successful at school. As you shop for the next few weeks, please pick up a few things to donate to East Hill Elementary and Vine Maple Place. There will be plastic tubs in the narthex for you to place the items. The supplies will be delivered on August 25. The lists for both Vine Maple Place & East Hill are on the sign in table. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Shepard.



The Annual Kent Crop Hunger Walk will be Sunday October 12 beginning with check in at 12:30pm and should be done by 3:00pm. The walk this year will be starting in the West parking lot of Kent United Methodist Church. We will walk from there around the YMCA grounds, around/through Morrill Meadows Park and around back to the church. There will be how ever many laps everyone can or wants to walk.

ADDRESS/ PHONE CORRECTIONS

Kaelee Bolme
652 Vashon PI NE
Renton, WA 98089

Phone & email remain the same.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual All Church Potluck Picnic

Sunday August 17th, 2025

12:00 Noon (right after church)

At the Jacot's home

13841 SE 60th St.

Kent, WA 98042

If the Jacot's are not home yet, please wait they will be there shortly



Bring your suit and a towel if you want to swim or play in the water.
There are 2 paddle boats, and 2 surf boards, lots of life jackets
I think we probably have enough outdoor chairs and benches for people.

We will have coffee, lemonade & water, as well as plates, cups & plasticware.

Hope you can join us, if you don't have food prepared, come anyway. We will have plenty to eat!



Vine Maple Place is a Christian organization that breaks the generational cycle of homelessness by working with single parents and their children. Our approach offers safety, provides stability, and equips to self-sufficiency.

The vision of Vine Maple Place is to end family homelessness in South King County, resulting in healthier communities where every child and parent has a stable home to grow and thrive.

Vine Maple Place incorporated in 2000 as a non-profit transitional housing service when 9 churches in Maple Valley joined together to help homeless single mothers with children have a place to live, and recover from homelessness. By 2011, we served 14 single parents and their children per year.

In 2012 we began to research and pilot new, effective ways of helping families facing homelessness become safe, stable, and self-sufficient. The Stable Families model was launched in September 2012 and today serves 524 families annually. The Stable Families model serves families who are homeless, or days away from eviction

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
(check with office for the Summer Schedule)

EVERY THURSDAY

Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

Labor Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

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

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

Elders Meeting ~ 9:00 am

SATURDAY SETPMEBER 20TH

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

Tuesday September 23rd

Governing Board ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)



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 or Brenda at officeangel@kentdisciples.org for more information. Blessings & safety to all!

Thank You for Serving!

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

09/07	Margaret Luke
09/14	Amie Jacot
09/21	Rosalie Sterner
09/28	Phyllis Simpson

If you would like to read scripture please sign up on Sunday or contact Elaine Patrick

DIACONATE: Margaret Luke
Laurie Eriks(9/21 & 9/28)

SACRISTY: Nicole Lee (9/7 & 9/14)
Laurie Eriks(9/21 & 9/28)

SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

09/07	Nicole McRaney
09/14	Rosalie Sterner
09/21	Theresa Lee
09/28	Betty Shepard

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

Birthdays

Stephanie Covey	09/01
Troy Stewart	09/05
Susan Greathouse	09/06
Dan Aeschliman	09/09
Larry Shepard	09/09
Sharon Penwell	09/10
Dorothy Connacher	09/12
Judy Aeschliman	09/21
Paul Luke	09/24

Anniversaries

Mark & Cheryl Lopez	09/08
Dick & Candy Peacock	09/11
Todd & Kami Voliva	09/28
Steve & Sandy Reeley	09/28



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

Worshiping 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 June 12, 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

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.

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