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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

This morning my son asked me what I was listening to. I was listening to the radio show Marketplace. And so, of course he asked, "What's that?" I told him it was a news show about the world around us told through the lens of how people use money. This has me thinking about lenses and how many we use on a daily basis. Most of the time, in this Heartbeat article I talk using a Christian lens. Sometimes it's about current events, sometimes it's about history. Other times, like today, it is about what is going on in my head. But it is almost always from a Christian perspective (this shouldn't be a surprise).

Our Lenses, or perspectives, no matter how much we love them, aren't perfect. They don't show us the only way to see the world. I've talked in the past about our "Jesus glasses", and how reading things like the Old Testament with our Jesus glasses on is not wrong, but it does give us a different perspective than those who were living it. Our perspective on the New Testament is similar; we can struggle to understand the Disciples who are themselves struggling to understand Jesus when He says He's going to be killed and resurrected on the third day. Isn't it obvious!? To us, yes, who have been raised on the stories of Jesus' resurrection. But to those who hadn't seen or heard of such a thing? No.

Being aware of our lenses, or perspectives, can be difficult. But even recognizing that we have a perspective that might be different, though no more or less valid, than another's is a big step in the right direction. This is the basis of living in community together, recognizing that those who do not agree are not always fools, but instead have a different perspective on the world. Understanding their perspective a little better might be a great step toward building a stronger community, a stronger church, and a stronger Faith.

Peace,



SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Yardwork & Handyman Volunteers

Roll up your sleeves to help care for our Family Hope Centers. From mowing lawns and gardening to unit repairs and maintenance projects, your work helps create a safe, welcoming place for families rebuilding their lives.

This is a great group project! Grab your friends, church group, or coworkers for a work party.
Location: Maple Valley Shifts: Day and evening

Front Desk Support

Help create a welcoming experience for families by greeting visitors, answering phones, making client calls, and supporting day-to-day office operations.

Location: Kent Shifts: Morning and afternoon

ADDRESS/ PHONE CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

JoAnn Winfrey
Quilceda Creek Manor III
1058 Alder Ave., Unit B
Marysville, WA 98270
Phone remains the same

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615 Harrison St., #112
Kent, WA 98032
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If you have moved or know someone who has please let the office know so that we can update our records.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Our 34th Annual Kent Crop Hunger Walk is coming up on Sunday, October 4th. We look forward to this every year.

For those that don't know, Dave & Nancy Turner started The Kent Crop Hunger Walk with other churches & groups in our community in 1992. Our goal as a church is \$15,000 and the Kent walk goal as a whole is \$25,000. **Brenda Barnes** is our team captain, and the Kent walk captain also. If you have any questions, please reach out to her.

You can register for the walk and or donate by using the link below:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/kent-first-christian-church>

Hope to see you all there and some new faces too.

Mark your calendars. The Halloween Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 31 from 1 PM to 3 PM. Watch for further information about how you can participate in the event.



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 October 3rd

Early Birds @ Maggie's ~ 9:00 am

Sunday October 4th

World Communion Sunday
Crop Walk ~ 12 pm – 3 pm @ VanDoren's Landing Park

Saturday October 10th

Elder's Meeting ~ 9 am
Hand & Foot ~ 6 pm

TUESDAY October 13th

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

Saturday October 17th

Disciple Women's @ Maggie's ~ 9 am

Saturday October 24th

Pinochle ~ 6:00 pm

Saturday October 31st

Halloween Bash ~ 1 pm

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

10/04	Bonnie Warrick
10/11	Portia McGuire
10/18	Russ Gifford
10/25	Dorothy Gifford

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

DIACONATE: Betty Shepard
Larry Shepard

SACRISTY: Betty Shepard

SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

10/04	Rosalie Sterner
10/11	Nicole McRaney
10/18	Margaret Luke
10/25	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

Carrine Sulaiman	10/02
Phil Bondurant	10/05
John Aeschliman	10/10
Stephanie Staylen	10/15
Isaiah Covey	10/17
Kami Voliva	10/18
Karen Alliston	10/19
Debbie Hugh	10/19
Emily Aeschliman	10/23
David Covey	10/27
Katherine Covey	10/28
Teri Riordan	10/31

Anniversaries

Chris & Colleen McMeen	10/06
Bob Middleton & Wil Cabo	10/27



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/u/adGxrczSLO>

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/u/adGxrczSLO>

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

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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

Rev. Colin McRaney
Pastor

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:30 am—3:00 pm

Penney Young
Office Administrator

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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 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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