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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

So, I suppose, like everyone else, I need to have an opinion on Charlie Kirk's murder. Murder is vile. Those who perpetuate violence are those who allow themselves to be led by anger, vengeance, pride and all the other myriad of sins that lead us away from our God.

What comes to mind for me, is "put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword." The praise and advocacy for violence has led us as a society to lower our threshold for violence. The more we talk about it, the more we advocate that the world would be better with just a few sudden acts of violence, the closer we bring ourselves to the brink of that same violence.

If we declare it okay to use violence to get our ends in a few specific circumstances. We open the door to violence being considered a legitimate means of settling disagreement. Jesus' statement is unequivocal, "ALL, who take the sword WILL die by the sword." Those who take the sword in word will find more swords in their life, for and against them.

We cannot in our pride of understanding God, try and take the place of God. I believe that God, through Christ, taught us to, above all things, love God and love our neighbor. So, I follow God in loving my neighbor, whoever they are, whatever they believe. But it is not for me, nor you, to advocate for judgement, nor to apply that judgement against our fellow creatures. I have heard this week those who advocate against capital punishment praising the action of a lone gunman. Hypocrisy is unbecoming, and unfaithful.

Allow me to leave this by finishing what Jesus has to say to the disciple with the sword: "Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?"

The power, the judgement, and the future belong to God and God alone. Not to you, not to me.

May we find peace,

May we find our faith.



SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

At the July Board Meeting, it was proposed that a **Long Term Planning Team** begin to meet in October. We are looking for ~5-10 people who are interested in serving in this manner. The goal of this Team is to consider the long-term mission of the church, and how that mission guides decisions and plans associated with staffing, church facilities, property, and the use of (the same) by Kent First Christian Church and other worship communities. It is anticipated that the team would meet approximately 6 times over a 1 year period. Colin has volunteered to convene the group. Please pray about this opportunity, and if you are called and willing to participate see Chris McMeen.



Our Annual Kent Crop Hunger Walk is coming up on Sunday, October 12th. We look forward to this every year. You can help by joining our team and/or donating. You can use the link below to do that. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/kent-first-christian-church>. Or scan the QR code below.



75% of the money collected will go to the worldwide efforts of Church World Service. For example, working with communities to help build sand dams that provide water, giving micro nutrient packets to feed children, or tools and seeds to help keep a family fed and healthy.
25% will stay in our Kent community, benefiting local agencies such as:

Kent Community Supper (Mon Night)
Help Us Serve Others Supper (Thurs)
Kent Food Bank
Kent First Baptist Food Pantry

LOTS OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

All departments are looking for help:

Child and Youth, STEAM Mentors, Shuttle Drivers & Chaperones, Adult Training & Education, Emergency Shelter Cleaners, Yardwork & More!

New Volunteer Need-

Vine Maple Place is launching a pilot program with the University of Washington Continuum college. We are seeking volunteers to share their career and professional development experiences with enrolled clients. Cohort meetings are scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month. Subjects: Business/Financial Analyst, Cybersecurity, Writing/Publishing/Editing, and Non-profit Management.

Fill out the **Volunteer Application** or contact Lisa O'Leary. Lisao@vinemapleplace.org | 425-432-



UPCOMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

Just a

Heads UP!

Save October 31 for our Halloween celebration.

Plans for the event will follow soon. Please contact Betty Shepard if you

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 4TH

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

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH

Elders Meeting ~ 9:00 am

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14TH

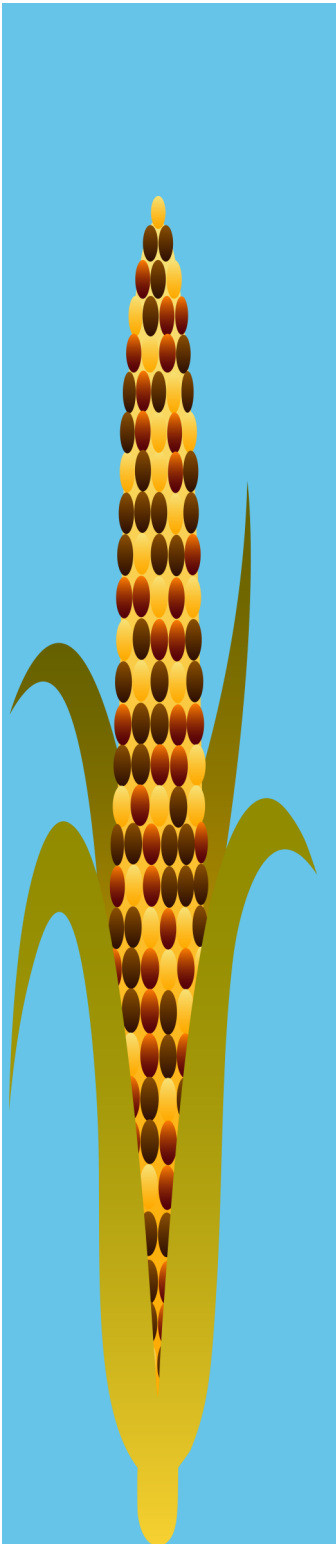
Program Cabinet Meeting ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)
Heartbeat Submission Deadline

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH

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

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST

TRUNK OR TREAT ~ 5:00 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

10/05	Brenda Barnes
10/12	Steve Riordan
10/19	Karen Alliston
10/26	Charles Evenson

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

DIACONATE: Margaret Luke
Debbie Pozzi

SACRISTY: Sandy Reeley

SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

10/05	Rosalie Sterner
10/12	Elaine Patrick
10/19	Phyllis Simpson
10/26	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
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/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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