

NOVEMBER 2025

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- * fcckent@Kentdisciples.org and officeangel@Kentdisciples.org
- * THE HEARTBEAT IS DISTRIBUTED VIA EMAIL ALONG WITH THE MONTHLY CALENDAR
- * IF YOU'D LIKE THE HEARTBEAT MAILED DIRECTLY VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL, THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (INVOLVES A POSTAGE FEE)

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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

During my experience of approval for ordination, we were encouraged to find a "favorite" person from Disciples History, not including the founders. The person I picked was named John "Racoon" Smith. Now, I want to be clear, there is no reason anyone needs a favorite person from Disciples history.

But, right or wrong, I became introduced to John Smith. It should not be any surprise that the first thing that drew me to this person was his nickname. Apparently, he did not like it. John Smith was a preacher in the 19th century whose main goal was Christian unity. At that time, what would become the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was two different churches and they were not that interested in becoming one. John Smith worked with both sides, dispelling their concerns about the other and working toward their common goal: One church, One people, One faith. John Smith would eventually be the one to symbolically shake Barton Stone's hand and unite the two churches into what would become the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Christian unity today seems a far-off goal. But the reality is, all it takes is acknowledging that there is one Christ, one faith, and one God that calls us all. Yes, we are different. Yes, we practice differently. Yes, we worship differently, but that does not change the God that we worship. What is needed today is not a formal organized consolidation of churches, rather a fundamental understanding that we are God's people in many places, in many times, in many languages.



SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



HELP! 80+ Volunteers Are Urgently Needed to Support Children & Youth

Most urgent volunteer positions:

12 Reading Tutors - One-on-one tutoring to help children reach grade level (flexible days & times).

11 Shuttle Driver and Chaperones - Give teens a ride so they don't miss class (Tuesday or Thursday afternoons/evenings).

6 After School Homework Helpers - Tutor elementary students (Wednesdays, 4:00–5:30 pm).

5 STEAM Girl Mentors - Adult women needed to guide girls in science, technology, arts, and math (Thursdays, curriculum provided)..

12 Teen or Boys Mentors - Adult men needed to inspire youth ages 8–18 through games and activities. (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30–7:30 pm).

25 Elementary Helpers - Lead story time, crafts, games, and more (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30–7:30 pm).

16 Nursery/Preschool Helpers- Rock a baby, play with toddlers, and provide nurturing care (morning, afternoon, or evening).

Your time can give a child safety, stability, and hope for the future.



The Advent study book has been chosen, it is *Voices of Advent* by Matthew L. Skinner. I have a list of all the people who are usually part of the Wednesday morning and Thursday evening Bible studies. If you are wanting to do the study on Sunday mornings or just have a book to read on your own, please let Betty Shepard know as soon as possible. The first study will begin on Wednesday, November 19.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Would you like to go to Northwest Trek?

Congregational Life is thinking about planning a trip to Northwest Trek. Are you interested in going?

We are currently looking at two dates. November 15 or November 22. There are possibly group rates available depending on the number of folks that are interested.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Margaret Luke to let her know you are interested and what date is best for 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 NOVEMBER 1ST

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

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

Elders Meeting ~ 9:00 am

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

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

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24TH—SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

Colin on Vacation

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

Governing Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Zoom)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

Thanksgiving Day

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27TH—MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST

Church Office Closed

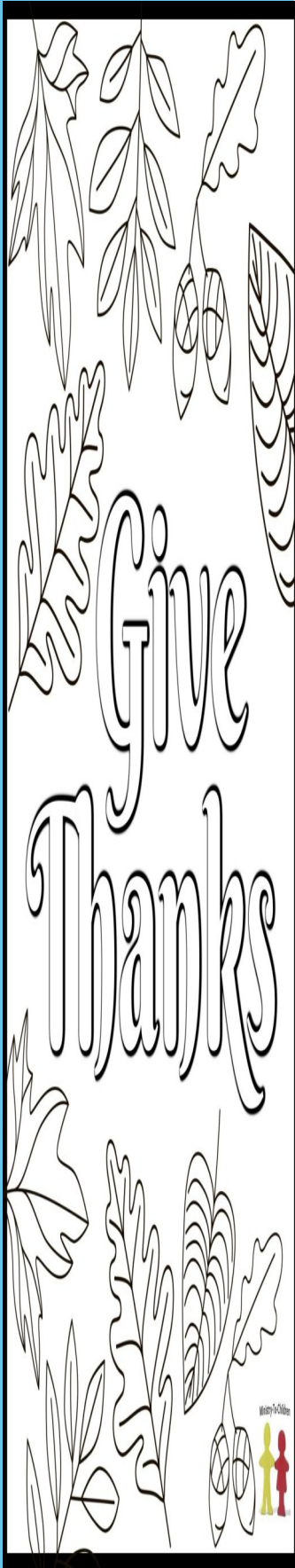
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

First Sunday of Advent

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

11/02	Debbie Bondurant
11/09	Nancy Turner
11/16	Troy Stewart
11/23	Phyllis Simpson
11/30	Bonnie Warrick

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

DIACONATE: Steve Reeley
Debbie Pozzi

SACRISTY: Debbie Pozzi

SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

11/02	Rosalie Sterner
11/09	Nicole McRaney
11/16	Phyllis Simpson
11/23	Elaine Patrick
11/30	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

Ron Kistler	11/03
Daniel Korpe	11/05
Judy Briggs	11/12
Sung Fitzgerald	11/13
Brenda Barnes	11/14
Bill Barnes	11/16
Alfred Chol	11/24

Anniversaries

Tom & Chris Medhurst	11/02
Linda & Len Elliott	11/22
Dan & Lesley Aeschliman	11/23
Margaret Harris & Tony Huber	11/27



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

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 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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