

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE, COMFORT AND HEALING FOR...

Dorothy Conway, Nora Roundtree, Carol Werner, Sam Carleton, Ken Johnson, David Cotton, Nicole Norman, Jeanne McLerran, Tony Willhite, Kate Thede, Thomas, Jim Crowder Family, Jeff Ludwig, Diane Schebetta, Mike Erdahl, Darrell Dollinger, Stephanie Jaynes, Aaron, John Trulene, Curt Barclay, Kajsja Bupp, and Nikkea Ferrin.

LET US ALSO PRAY FOR...

CLARA KNUDTSEN AND FAMILY, for comfort and support after Jim's passing.

JEANNE McLERRAN, for continued healing and for prayers as she moves into permanent assisted living.

NICOLE HALLINGSTAD, Lovey Keele's colleague, recently diagnosed with Grade 3 Invasive Ductal Breast Cancer. Aggressive treatment over the next year, beginning with surgery, 6 months of chemotherapy, and 6 weeks radiation.

ANDREW DUNFORD, for comfort, support and maintenance of a chronic disease.

MARGARET JOHNSON AND FAMILY, for Margaret's son Ken who suffers with bi-polar disease.

SPC. CHRIS PATCHETT, his adjustment being home after serving two tours in Iraq.

REV. YOUMAN GH. SHIBA, Assyrian Evangelical Church in Iraq.

DR. BISHARA AWAD, President of Bethlehem Bible College.

BILL CARLETON, for comfort and peace.

MIKE, JANELLE, CAROL LEE & ISAAC MC CARTY, as they travel to interpret PCUSA mission..

HELGASON FAMILY, for continued healing.

DONALD NORMAN, Grandson of Don and Shirley Shannon.

DERECK MILLER, for relief from pain in his arm and hand caused by RSD. Cousin of Lois Parkinson.

THE FAMILY OF DAVID LEONARD, for comfort after David's passing.

JENNA BUCKMASTER, for continued healing.

THE ROELLE AND JAMES FAMILIES, as they mourn the loss of Beth Roelle.

LAURA GUINN, as she mourns the loss of her son.

RICK AND JUDY KNOTT, for healing and comfort.

AND FOR PEACE.

***Kent First Presbyterian
Church***

Worship Service

10:30 AM

March 23rd, 2008

EASTER SUNDAY

March 23, 2008

10:30 AM

Welcome! We gather as God's people in the name of Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue friendship pad and include your address and phone number if you are visiting. You may write prayer requests on a pew card and an usher will pick them up during the second hymn.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC "Processional in C" Hal Hopson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE "Easter Fanfare" by Fetler
Trombone by Tom Kirkpatrick & Jim Vosper

SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: #2116 vs. 1, 2 & 7 (Sing The Faith)

Vs 1: "Christ the Lord is risen!"

Vs 2: "He has conquered death"

Vs 7: "Come and worship him"

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER Lois Parkinson

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life! Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: as you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever! Amen.

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<i>Session</i>		
<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>
Joan Ackerman Christian Education	Neil Bolkcom Evangelism & Mission	Margaret Johnson Mission
Rod Parkinson Building & Grounds	Rhonda James Worship	Lovey Keele Community Building
Al Dermody Stewardship & Finance	Maureen Dean Worship	Diane Lee Stewardship & Finance

<i>Board of Deacons</i>		
<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>
Tori Bell	Emil Drivdahl	Maureen Ludwig
Lois Parkinson	Jeane Alexander	Carol Dunford
Waverly James	Gigi Shafer	Lynda Bollman

Rev. Carol Kirkpatrick, Pastor
Brad Kibbel, Youth Minister
Michelle Austin, Office Manager
Neil Bolkcom, Treasurer
Kay Payne, Financial Secretary

Ray White, Music Director
Sue Carson, CAGO, Organist
Rex Flynn, Custodian
Rev. William Carleton, Pastor Emeritus
Ministers, Congregation

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a welcoming and inclusive community
Worshiping in the Reformed Tradition. As we are empowered by God's grace
We strive to educate, serve, and witness to members and friends of Kent First
Presbyterian Church and to the people of Kent and surrounding communities,
In, with, and through Christ's abiding love.*

This Week at Church

March 23rd– 29th, 2008

SUNDAY	9:00-10:00	Adult Christian Ed
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:45-1:30 PM	Youth Group
	5:30-6:30 PM	Bell Choir
MONDAY	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
TUESDAY	2:00 PM	Early Edition Odyssey
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Mission Committee

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Church Hours

Monday through Thursday

9 AM – 1PM

Friday

9am to Noon

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You are cordially invited to join us for refreshments at the back of the sanctuary following the worship service for refreshments at the back of the sanctuary.

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*OPENING HYMN #123 “Jesus Christ, Is Risen Today”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lois Parkinson

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(Pause for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Turn to your neighbor and as forgiven people greet each other with a hug or handshake and the following:

*Greeting: **The peace of Christ be with you.***

*Response: **And also with you.***

*HYMN OF PRAISE #577

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.”

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM “Lord of the Dance” Words by Sydney Carter
Choral Setting by Don Hart

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Lois Parkinson

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts to hear the Word of God.

Choir: “Guide My Eyes to You”

“*Guide my eyes to you, lend your ear to me, fill my tongue with endless praise,
and lead me all my days*”

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

People: **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:1-4 P. 201

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 28:1-20 P. 33

Leader: This is the word of our Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Breaking Open, Shattering, Empowering”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #2115 “Christ Has Risen” (Sing The Faith)

THE OFFERING

Leader: God is good

People: **all the time**

Leader: and all the time

People: **God is good.**

Offertory “Thine Is The Glory” Handel (1685-1759)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARLY EDITION ODYSSEY

Early Edition Odyssey afternoon circle will meet at 2 pm Tuesday, March 25th at the church in the fireside area. Judy Craft is hostess and Carole Werner and Jeanne Alexander are co-hostesses. The study is lesson 6 in the book about Ruth and Jonah. All women are invited to attend any circle meeting. For information call Margaret Johnson at 360-886-1690 or Jeanne Alexander at 253-631-6867.

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Carol will be offering a 13 week Bible study on the Book of Acts. The curriculum the class will be using is from Kerygma. The class entails in-depth Bible learning on this rather unfamiliar book in the New Testament through personal study and reflection, and group discussion and learning. The class will be held on Saturday mornings from 11:00 am-12:30pm. in the Fireside room in the back of the sanctuary. The first class will be on April 5. During these Easter and Pentecost Seasons witness how the Spirit grew the early church and had it thrive, and see how the Spirit is still at work within ourselves and the church today. Please contact Pastor Carol, Joan Ackerman, or call the church to register. Don't miss this learning opportunity!

MUSIC DIRECTOR

In a newsletter article several months ago Ray White, our Music Director, informed us that he and Sharon would be moving to Spokane to be closer to family. They put their house on the market and it recently sold. Ray and Sharon's last Sunday with us will be April 6. At our Town Meeting we will bid them farewell and give them our heartfelt thanks for their service to our church these past two years. You will also hear at the Town Meeting our plans for replacement.

LAY READER SCHEDULE

March 30th Sharon Drivdahl

UPCOMING SERMONS

March 30th Brad Kibbel
April 6th “Encountering The Holy” Luke 24:13-35
April 13th “Healthy Growth” Acts 2:42-47

EASTER LILY PLANTS CONTINUED:

Marion Rosenbaum in honor of her mother

Marjorie and Vern Elgin in honor of their parents

**Tom and Carol Kirkpatrick in memory of Barbara and Robert Hill
and June and Howard Kirkpatrick**

**Riley Katherine Warren Willhite, Correna Willhite, Roy and Vella Cross
and Cecila Cole**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME ISAAC JAMES

Mike, Janelle and Carole Lee McCarty welcomed Isaac James McCarty to the world on Tuesday, March 18th. Isaac weighs 8 lbs 14 oz. Congratulations McCartys!!

TOWN MEETING

Please come to our quarterly Town Meeting on Sunday, April 6 after worship. During this meeting you will receive a current update on all that session has been working on in since January. You will learn of our financial status at the end of the quarter and much more! Don't miss it!

WOMEN'S ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

Women's Spring Luncheon May 3rd, 2008
The luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall at 12:00 PM. Lunch will be provided by Early Edition Odyssey. The speaker will be Helena Reynolds who is the daughter of a Filipino washer girl and WW II soldier pen pal. Helena will tell her parents story about how they overcame obstacles to marry. We will see a brief video about their life and view an original progressive memory book.
Entertainment will be provided by mother/daughter pairs or even grandmother/granddaughter pairs sharing their musical talents.
All women are invited to share this special fellowship time. Bring your women friends of all ages to this special event. There is no charge. We look forward to seeing you there.
Contact Jeanne Alexander at 263-631-6867 if you need additional information.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Carol will be on study leave March 24th through the 30th. If you need Pastoral Care and are unable to reach anyone at the office please call your Deacon.

*Doxology # 592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (*Please pray in your preferred language*)
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Clerk: On behalf of the Session, I present **Karla Keele and Nora Fisher** who have been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith, and **Marion Rosenbaum and Bill and Ruth Jones**, who have been received into membership of this congregation by certificate of transfer.

Profession of Faith

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: **I will with God's help.**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ

New Members: **I will, with God's help.**

Welcome

Clerk: Let us welcome **Karla, Nora, Marion, Bill and Ruth** as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we all are one in him.**

**THE BEAUTIFUL EASTER LILY PLANTS IN THE SANCTUARY
WERE PURCHASED BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Neil Bolkcom in memory of his parents Daniel and Phyllis Bolkcom

**Emil and Sharon Drivdahl in memory and honor of Emil L. Drivdahl Sr. family
and the M.V. Lehr Miller family**

**Dale, Maureen, Meghan and Colin Dean in memory of John and
Amy McGrath and John & Phyllis Dean**

Becky Roelle in memory of Beth and Jerry Roelle

**Rolf Strasser in memory of Vivian Strasser, Irene McGourin,
Dorothy Wheeler and Thea Link Kiehle**

**Horace and Maureen Ludwig in memory of Marjorie and Bernard Ludwig,
Helen and Matt O'Brien, and Barbara Ludwig McLean**

Pat James in memory of Harold James and his parents

Marge Hartig and Kay Payne in memory of Frank Hartig (husband and father)

Carol Anway in memory of Evelyn Anway Kennicott

Jim and Mimi Vosper in memory of Florence Goedecke and Chester J. Gajewski

Scott and Lovey Keele in memory of Joe and Dorothy Demmert (Lovey's parents)

Sue Carson in memory of her parents

Nora Fisher in memory of her husband David Randall Fisher

**Rod and Lois Parkinson in memory of Harold and Bernadine Parkinson and
Fred and Joyce Grant**

Laura Guinn in memory of Chris Guinn

Marge King in honor of her parents and brothers

HEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #2114 "At the Font We Start Our Journey" (Sing The Faith)

POSTLUDE "Toccatà" Widor (1844-1937)

****As you are able, please stand.***

The church nursery is downstairs and staffed to provide quality care for infants and toddlers up to age three.

We are pleased to have you worship with us today!

*Each week we enjoy seeing you at worship,
and meeting new people who attend for the first time.*

We want you to feel welcome.

*If you are interested in finding out more information
about our church; if you would like to join our church community;
if you would like to talk with someone about a need;
or if you have a concern to express, or a question to ask,
please come forward to the front pews and two
elders will meet with you to listen, share, and pray.*