

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF PUYALLUP (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

MISSIONAL STRATEGY

OUR GUIDING VISION

First Christian Church of Puyallup is a gathering of diverse individuals called by God to live as a blessing in our own neighborhoods and in the world.

We dream of being a faithful community of God's people whose spiritual practices of worship, prayer, study, and ministry nurture those who are seeking to live in the way of Jesus.

Believing that every follower of Christ is gifted by God, we dream of being a family in which each person discovers their gifts and is supported in sharing those gifts with the world.

We experience God's welcome in our celebration at the communion table and dream of being a reflection of that welcome in our acts of acceptance, forgiveness, generosity, justice and peacemaking.

ROLE & MISSION

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are a community of faith, committed to following God's call. As followers of Christ we will work together to nurture the spiritual development of each person, as we use our varied spiritual gifts to be a reflection of God's love in the world.

KEY RESULTS AREAS & GOALS

Spiritual Formation

Goal: To honor and nurture the spiritual lives of individuals, wherever they are in their faith journeys, by engaging in meaningful worship, cultivating a communal life of prayer, creating a learning environment, and committing to share our experiences.

Goal: To create a community in which all people are in the process of understanding, developing, and employing their spiritual gifts for ministry.

Community Formation

Goal: To be a welcoming community which reflects God's hospitality in our relationships with one another through mutual support and respect, forgiveness and loving kindness.

Goal: To celebrate the great variety of people who make up our congregation, we will welcome the gifts of all, from the very young to our seniors, as we commit to learn from the wisdom and experiences of each other.

Goal: To be a listening community in which open communication fosters inclusion and involvement.

Ministry & Witness

Goal: To live out the love of God through Christ Jesus in all of our thoughts, words, and actions.

Goal: To equip followers of Jesus to share their faith stories.

Goal: To have each individual in our congregation engaged in a ministry that connects their calling to God's work in the world.

Goal: To have an active ministry that begins at our front door and spreads through our neighborhoods to the far corners of our world.

Connecting with our Neighborhood

Goal: To strengthen our relationships with our neighbors.

Goal: To become a church that reflects the changing neighborhood in which we live.

CORE BELIEFS & COMMITMENTS

We believe in and are committed to:

- Sharing God's love
- Being in community with one another
- Living as followers of Jesus Christ
- Working in partnerships
- Welcoming others
- Practicing justice and peacemaking

PARTICIPANT GROUPS

As we carry out our mission, we will partner with:

- Existing church groups
- Neighboring community
- Other churches and organizations
- People with needs we can meet
- Groups and individuals who use our building and property