



## 1st Pres eNews

December 15, 2021

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### Blog of the Week

Kent Kimball



#### Finding Optimism

Sometimes I'm a little pessimistic. Yet some people are optimists all the time! Take David for example. Saul's army was stubbornly chasing David with one goal: removing his head. And David's own son Absalom was hell-bent on capturing the throne from his father. Challenge after battle, after diversion, David couldn't let his guard down for a minute! And yet, through all this trauma and subversion, David "rested in the ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Christmas Families 2021 Store Volunteers Needed This Week



We are down to the wire and can use **your help!** Share some holiday cheer and the love of Christ with our Christmas Families! Additionally, there are still a few gift items we need to collect.

**Set-up:** Thurs, December 16, 9 am - 1 pm

**Christmas Store Hours**

### Advent @ 1st Pres

Sunday, December 19

#### Children's Christmas Un-Pageant

9 am Service

No auditions, no lines to memorize. All children are welcome to participate in this re-telling of the Christmas story. In the Sanctuary and online.

Friday, December 24

#### Christmas Eve Services

5 pm - Family Friendly

Please join us Christmas Eve for a family friendly service in the Sanctuary and online. Come early for cocoa and fun.

Thursday, December 16, 6-8 pm

Friday, December 17, 10 am - 12 noon

Saturday, December 18, 10 am - 2 pm\*

\*two shifts

Clean-up begins at 2 pm on Saturday once the store closes.

Let's show these precious families what 1st Pres love looks like. If you can help, please contact Diane Wakkinen (208) 267-8504 or Barb Proper (208) 660-3142

7 pm - Candlelight Communion

A beautiful service with carols, communion and candles. In the Sanctuary.

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## Judy Nelson Celebration of Life



Judy's celebration of life will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Wed, Dec 15th at 10 am with a reception following.

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## Family Promise

1st Pres has long supported Family Promise of North Idaho, an organization dedicated to helping families in crisis build new lives. We host families several times each year providing a safe, warm environment including meals and a bed for one week.

**Our most important need is help with set-up and overnight hosts.** Can you help? Please contact Judy Flieger or Teri Burch.

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## Sunday Ride Sharing Needs

Your Session is exploring how we might provide rides to church on Sunday mornings to those without transportation. Do you know of anyone who needs a ride or anyone willing to provide transportation? Please call the office if you can offer some insight.



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## Last Chance to Get your 2021 Ornament!

Designed by Brent Everson (many thanks for this generous donation)

**We still have a few ornaments!** Call the office to place your order! You can pre-pay through our [giving portal](#) or pay when you pick up your order. The ornaments are \$10 each or 3/\$25. Get your orders in soon!



The Children and Family team want to thank you for your generous support! Without you we would not be able to serve the children of this church and the community! All proceeds will go towards our camp scholarship program.

Pick up December 19th in Krueger Hall!

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## Let it Snow Quilt Raffle

The winner of Joyce Liechti's stunning quilt will be announced this coming Sunday, December 19th.

**All proceeds benefit Women's Association student scholarships.**



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## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Peace. Why DID Joseph and Mary need to find a room in an inn? Where were their family and friends? Joseph grew up there. And what does this have to do with the message of Peace? Read Luke 2:4-7 to start but there's so much more! You won't want to miss this message! [Watch for the first time or watch it again!](#)



Many thanks to our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!  
[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

## Church News

### Knitting For Warmth

#### Meeting Update

We're taking the rest of this month off and will resume January 7th 2022.



### Discovery Process Final Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in this important process. Eighty-seven people participated in the Saturday event and we received follow-up surveys from a total of 90. This information is going to help our new strategic planning committee, our elders, and our Pastor Nominating Committee. [Read the full Report to Session](#)

### 2022 Stewardship Campaign

#### Bridging to the Future

Don't forget to submit your pledge card for 2022 giving. It can be found on our website on the [giving](#) page or you can pick up a copy from the office.



### Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

## December Schedule

### Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study - Lakeside Conference Room  
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online.  
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary.

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We encourage social distancing with masks highly recommended.  
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### Wednesdays

Downtown Youth - check with Kierstie for details

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

## Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

Our next big event is the UnPageant! We will be back in person with this beloved tradition on December 19th, during the 9 am service. If you haven't seen this event, you are in for a treat! This is an unrehearsed and unscripted reenactment of the Christmas story. Children of all ages will be invited to participate. All you need to do is arrive at church about 20 minutes early so the children can pick their roles and dress up in their costumes.



I am in need of two adults to play Mary and Joseph, again, there are no speaking parts. Your roles will be narrated and you simply follow the instructions as they are read. Please email me if you'd be willing to help me out!

I hope you all have a blessed week,

Carley

[Carley@1stpresdowntown.org](mailto:Carley@1stpresdowntown.org) or 208-215-5337

### Wrapping Up 2021!

#### December

- Un-pageant Sunday, December 19 at the 9 am service

## Youth Ministry



### Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter! Email [Kierstie](mailto:Kierstie) and let her know you'd like to receive

### Youth Progressive Dinner

Saturday, December 18  
Thank you to all who have volunteered their homes to host our progressive dinner on December 18th! It's sure to be a fun evening for our amazing students.

Now we need to ask the students (possibly your kiddo) to **RSVP by December 3** (this Friday).

### Sunday Morning Youth Study Cafe

Come as you are and join us in the

Youth Room for hot chocolate and treats while you work. We will enjoy praise music in the background of our cafe atmosphere and listen to the livestreamed sermon.



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Questions? Please contact

[Kierstie](#).

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## Groups & Gatherings

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### Saturday Men's Breakfast

@ Calypso Coffee Roasters

On the 2nd and 4th Saturday, September through May, the men of 1st Pres are invited to come together for fellowship and a bite to eat. We meet at 7:30 am at Calypso Coffee. Email [Dan Brown](#) or call 208.755.9087 for details.

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### Sunday Morning Bible Study

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Our Sunday morning bible study, led by Chris and Eric Fehr meets at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room off of Krueger Hall. Join in person or with this [Zoom link](#).

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### Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time Fridays from 10-11:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Please note we will be off for the rest of the month. We will resume on Jan 7, 2022.

Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

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### Contemplative Worship Service

A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. Spend time peacefully worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

#### Contemplative Service Leads

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[Donna Brundage](#): Greeting

[Susan Lauer](#): Setup & Sanctuary Design

[Matt Broadway](#): Music

[Yvette Wyatt](#): Scripture & Prayer

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### Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other. We'll keep you up-to-date in the eNews, on the church calendar, or you can call the office.

