



## 1st Pres eNews

December 6, 2022

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### Blog of the Week

Janet Starkey



#### Smörgåsbords and Saints

When I was growing up, Advent and the preparations for Christmas were always magical. Our church was small, established in 1920 as a mission to the Swedish immigrants living in Palo Alto, CA. It was built with loving hands by craftsmen, many of them members, in ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Advent Schedule

#### December 9

Christmas Families Dinner  
5:30 - 7:30 pm

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#### December 10

Youth Progressive Dinner  
4 - 7 pm

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#### December 11

*Night of Miracles Cantata*  
9 am service

#### December 18

The UnPageant  
9 am service

*The Story of the Other Wise Man, Pt 2*  
10:30 service

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#### December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve  
5 pm

Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve  
7 pm

## Christmas Families Dinner

Friday, December 9th  
5:30 - 7:30 pm



**This Friday**, everyone from the church is invited and encouraged to attend this special evening of good food and fun activities. If you haven't already signed-up you can call the office OR just bring a pot of chili or a pan of mac-n-cheese! The Deacons are providing salad, rolls, drinks and dessert.

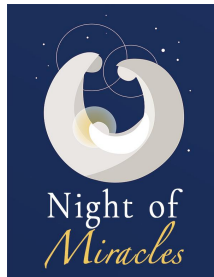
We'd love our invited families to feel properly welcomed with folks from 1st Pres as we all join together to share a potluck meal and get to know one another.

[RSVP online here!](#)

## Night of Miracles

December 11 | 9 am service

We are pleased to announce that our Chancel Choir has been working hard on this year's Christmas cantata.



Night of Miracles by John W. Peterson, is a beautiful Christmas cantata which tells the Christmas story in a unique and inspirational way.

Please join us on December 11th at the 9 am service.

## Christmas Ornaments on Sale



The youth offering this year's beautiful ornaments designed and created by our very own Brent Everson of Custom Den in Coeur

d'Alene.

Proceeds from the sale will help send students to camp this coming summer.

You'll definitely want to add this new design to your collection.

Sales will begin on Sunday, Dec 11th between services!

\$10/ornament or 3 for \$25.

## Christmas for the Closet

Help us Re-stock the Closet

The Deacons are excited to continue on our journey of Redemptive Compassion by restocking our Neighborhood



Closet! Look for an array of Christmas trees displayed in Krueger Hall filled with ornament-tags describing items needed for the Closet.

Please take a tag or two or three, purchase the item, and drop them off in the bin under the tree. No wrapping



## UnPageant Youth Music Rehearsals

**Help make this a special event!**

Our youth are invited to one more rehearsal this Sunday at 8 am in the Youth Room! Drop-in and play through some of the pieces, and work out any questions with Tyler.

**Dress rehearsal:** Saturday, December 17th @ 10 am in the sanctuary.

## The Unpageant

Sunday, December 18 | 9 am Service



You won't want to miss this 1st Pres tradition! Our children help tell the Christmas story with carols, shepherds, appropriate animals and the Holy family! This is a joyous retelling you won't soon forget.

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## Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering Tuesday, December 20th



The Presbyterian Women would like to welcome all to their Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 20th at 1pm.

The program will begin in the Sanctuary and conclude in Krueger Hall for refreshments.

## Ushers Needed

Christmas Eve | 5 pm service

It is sometimes challenging to find ushers and greeters for our Christmas Eve services. This year we could use a few more volunteers for the 5 pm service. Can you help?

If you are available, please contact the church office for more information: 208.667-8446

## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Advent | Love. What is love? How do we measure it?

[Watch this service for the first time or once again!](#)



Many thanks to our team of volunteers who make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

## Church News

## Stewardship 2023



[Download your 2023  
Pledge Card](#)

### Presbyterian Woman Quilt Auction Winner

Your generous  
donations raised  
\$589!!!

And winner of this  
year's Presbyterian  
Women's Quilt auction  
was Ellen Taylor.



Congratulations, Ellen!

### Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

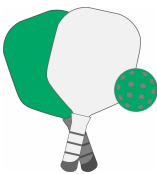
to someone who could use a lift

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Our wonderful knitters  
meet every week to  
keep our supply of  
prayer shawls ready to  
gift to someone who  
could use a boost.



You can find their handiwork in the  
Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the  
sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.



### 1st Pres Pickleball Schedule

Meets Tuesdays & Fridays. You can find  
the pickleball schedule on our  
[1st Pres calendar](#).

## Annual Turkey Fund Drive

Your generous donations  
helped provide local  
families with a wonderful  
Thanksgiving meal. Your  
continued donations will also help provide  
help with their upcoming Christmas meal  
this holiday season.



Donate on our church website or during  
Sunday offering the rest of December.  
Your generosity is appreciated.

### Small Groups



We are in the process of  
re-imagining our small-  
group opportunities. If you  
are interested, please stay

tuned. In the meantime, you can find  
information on our website. If you can't  
find what you're looking for, please call  
the office.

- [Men's Fellowship](#)
- [Sunday Bible Study](#)
- [Women's Circles](#)

### Creating a Happy Christmas for Orchard Ridge Senior Living Guests



Each year, Orchard  
Ridge Senior Living  
collects items to be

included in Christmas gift baskets for its  
special residents. Remember someone you  
*don't* know at Christmas! [Full Gift Idea  
List & details here.](#)

### Mission Trip Planning Underway

The Missions Committee is  
looking to send a mission team  
out in the Spring or Summer of  
2024. Exactly where and when  
are yet to be determined. If you might be  
interested in being a team leader, please



contact Richard Morrow through the church office.

## December Weekly Events

### Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online

10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary

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Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

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DOXA 11 am in Gym

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen

ARMS Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fridays

Knitting for Warmth: on break  
until January 2023

## Children & Family Ministry



### Thank You, Volunteers

We are all good on volunteers until next year, whoopie!  
Thank you all so much for your dedication and care towards the kids! Be sure to get on the list for 2023. We look forward to giving you a wonderful Un-Pageant next week.

#### Dates needed:

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1/8

### Un-Pageant

The Un-Pageant has a different arrival time to get costumed, please see my Newsletter for details!

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\* The Un-Pageant will be live streamed like a normal service this year!

### Ring the Bell

Sign-up on the sheet outside of the downstairs kids rooms to ring the bell! The weekly kids newsletter will detail what dates are available.

### Special Events:

**12/18** Un-Pageant

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer:

[1stpreschildren@gmail.com](mailto:1stpreschildren@gmail.com). You can also check the volunteer sign-up sheet to sign-up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:

Sunday School and Event Volunteer



Signup

Background Check Form

## Youth Ministry



### Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!  
Email [Kierstie](#) to receive the newsletters.

### Check Out Our Schedule

Join our group on the Band App to see our schedule, upcoming events, and more!  
Don't forget to turn on notifications.  
Click [here](#) to join!

### Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service. Contact [Kierstie](#) for details.

### Searching for Volunteers

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! We are still seeking additional volunteers to help ensure that each event runs smoothly. There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email Kierstie if you would like to get involved!