



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Kent Kimball

My 'Adventure Cruise'

Recently I took a trip to the bottom of the world. Antarctica is a frigid and mysterious place, filled with untouched beauty. It has been on my bucket list for as long as I can remember. Of all the dynamic, peculiar, and remote places I've visited, it has had the most profound impact on me.

I was gone almost three weeks. We boarded a 50-year-old icebreaker at the lowest tip of South ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Serving Lunch Ecumenical Food Kitchen February 3rd



1st Pres is serving sack lunches on February 3rd to our guests who are looking for a welcoming community and a bite to eat! Can you help with providing food or help serve?

Contact Bev Rasor or the office if you can help or have any questions.

Congregational Meeting This Sunday February 6th

Please plan on attending our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 6th at 10 am. The 9 am service will be a combined classic and contemplative service. The annual meeting will begin immediately following the 9 am service. There will **NOT** be a separate contemplative service that



Communion Sunday February 6th

We will celebrate Communion this Sunday in the Sanctuary. If you plan to worship at home, please be sure to gather your elements before the service begins.



Venture 1st Pres Downtown

Begins February 2nd!

Our first Venture meeting is this Wednesday!

There is still time to sign-up for the Venture series beginning February 2nd and continues through May 4th. There are programs for the kiddos, youth and one adult class taught by Pastor Neal. Those who have registered for the Kindness class will receive the Zoom link.

- [Adventure Kids Registration](#)
- [Greater Positivity & Kindness Registration](#)

You can also register for Pastor Neal's class by calling the church office.

Per Capita is \$36 This Year

Our church pays \$36 for each member to the Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).

If you are a member, you can send in your per capita to the church office, donate online, or drop it in the Sunday offering. Please feel free to call the church office if you have any questions.

Sunday.

Souper Bowl of Caring All February

As we're sure all of you football enthusiasts know, **Sunday Feb 13th**, is Super bowl Sunday! It is the perfect time to think of the



football team you are rooting for **AND** help tackle hunger in our community. This month we are holding a **"Souper Bowl of Caring"** food drive to tackle hunger using the energy of the Big Game to get you excited to make a collective impact on hunger.

Tackling hunger in our community is a big deal. Starting this Sunday, February 6 and for all of February, Community Partnership bins will be placed in Krueger Hall and near the office to collect food donations.

Additionally, this Sunday February 6, we'll have bags available to fill and return on *Souper Bowl Sunday*. Let's show our community how much we care. Everyone can participate.

Help Support CDAIDE!

CDAIDE is thrilled to bring back this heart-warming night to come together in

service to the low-income hospitality workers who so consistently serve us.



The Coeur d'Alene Resort
Thursday, February 10th
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

We may think things are challenging today but our challenges are not as bad as Nehemiah's. What goes wrong for Nehemiah? Chapter 4! There's more so tune in to this past Sunday's service. [Watch the service 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](#)

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Reaching Students in New Ways!



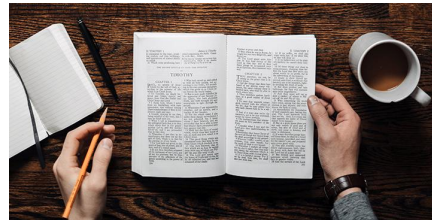
Student and family feedback is extremely valuable to our Youth Team as we discern the best way to support our students and encourage their spiritual growth.

If you are a family with middle or high schoolers, please take a moment to let us know ways your student might be interested in participating this year.

[Family Connection Survey](#)

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays | 11 am - 12 pm



Please consider joining the weekly Men's Bible Study right here at 1st Pres! Men of all ages are welcome to join us on Thursdays from 11am-12pm. Please contact Buzz Hays if you have any questions.

Bell Choir Rehearsal

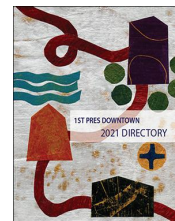


The bell choir is once again rehearsing on Sunday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30

upstairs in the the Hunter Building. If you have any questions, please contact [Kent Kimball](#).

Reminder

Have you picked up your new church directory? Do you know someone who might be homebound and could use a visit?



If you can help deliver directories over the next few weeks, please contact the office so we can coordinate! Thank you!

Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

February Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

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

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

We encourage social distancing with
masks highly recommended.

DOXA 11 am

Wednesdays

Downtown Youth - Check
with Kierstie for details

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Hello families!

We are thrilled to return to some of our pre-covid traditions! Two changes will occur this week. First, we are splitting our Sunday school into two groups: 3-years-old through Kindergarten and 1st through 5th graders. This will result in using the classrooms upstairs on Sunday mornings. YAY! You will check your child in downstairs before church, your child will then attend worship with you until they are called up for the children's time with Pastor Neal. After church, please pickup your child(ren) in the upper Hunter wing. Take the stairs by the coffee bar as we will be using classrooms on that end of the building. We are so excited for this change to take place! Please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.



Adventure Kids' Club Registration

Adventure Kids' Club is back for our spring session! The club will be on the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group (kid-free evening anyone?!). The Club will be a social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. The focus of our spring session will be all about the evidence that we can trust God with our lives and what that looks like for a young person. Any children kindergarten through 5th grade would be invited to attend. The timeframe will be from 6:00-7:30 pm beginning on Wednesday, February 2nd. All Adventure Kids' Club dates:

Save the Date

Annual Art Camp with Hands to Art
June 27th - July 1st: 3rd

1st Pres at Camp Lutherhaven
July 17th - July 22nd

I hope you all have a blessed week, Carley

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](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

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.



Groups & Gatherings

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.



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time Fridays from 10-11:30 am in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

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

Donna Brundage: Greeting
Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design

Matt Broadway: Music
Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer



Staying In Touch

Life becomes a celebration when we keep in touch, so let's celebrate by keeping in touch with each other. Phone a friend!