



This Week's eNews

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Blog of the Week

Yvette Wyatt

Yes, it's the start of new year.
So, while we can all still catch a whiff of that fresh, possibilities-abound, New Year's aroma, let's take on a complex (deep and important) subject:

'Change'

What's your initial gut reaction ... [Read More](#)



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This Week



This Sunday
Weather Alert
Sunday, Jan 14

If predictions hold true, this Sunday will be dangerously cold. Keep in mind that worshipping at home is always an option.

[1stPres Youtube Channel](#)

Guest Preacher
Derek Taylor
Sunday, January 14

After graduating from Whitworth, Derek received an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Th.D. from Duke University.

Derek is married to Lauren, the campus pastor for discipleship &



Now Hiring
Choir Director

Do you have experience in directing choirs? Do you know someone who is a talented musician with a

conducting background who would be a great fit for our Choir Director position? We are looking for someone to be part of our worship music program as director of our chancel and bell choirs. Send resumes or questions to [Becky Clegg](#) (HR) and please pray that God will bring the right person to our congregation. [Job Description](#)



**Hosting Family Promise
This Week**

residence hall ministry at Whitworth University. Along with directing the Emmaus Scholars Program, Derek also teaches theology at Whitworth. He is especially interested in the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, scriptural hermeneutics (which is a fancy way of saying "how to read the Bible") and thinking creatively about what it means to speak faithfully about God today.

We welcome his wife, Lauren next week as our guest preacher!



We are starting the year off right with our commitment to Love1st. We are hosting our families Jan 7 through the 14th.

The sign-up board is in Krueger Hall and our wonderful FP Team can always use your help. Reach out to Judy Flieger, Teri Burch or Ann Smart if you'd like to lend a hand.

Early Notice Annual Congregational Meeting February 4 | 10 am

January Missions Update Women's Development Track

Women's Development Track focuses on



tremendous resources that missionary women bring to the work of God's Kingdom on earth. Because the stages of a woman's life are often different from a man's, with more off-ramps and on-ramps to her professional life, she can tend to be overlooked in terms of her own well-being and on-going development. We want to see women make their very best contribution to their families, communities, and ministries, alongside their brothers in Christ! The Image of God in the world is best represented when men and women both bring their full selves in displaying the Image of God to the world - the Blessed Alliance!

Prayer requests:

- 1) The women in our Leadership Pathways cohorts will grow in heart, confidence, and skill to fulfill their callings as women leaders in their mission agencies.
- 2) All women missionaries will access whatever development options are needful for their long-term well-being and effectiveness in their fields of service.
- 3) That our current training process locally here in CdA to train more women preachers, through an 8-week intensive and the Friday night Fellowship hosted at 1st Pres, will give them a supportive place to practice and grow as so few churches in our area fully engage women with preaching and leading gifts. Thank you to 1st Pres!

In Him, Wendy



Sunday's Service

Jesus Christ transforms us. Join us as we seek transformation that brings life.

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General News

Getting Connected

Small Groups

Learn about how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the [Grow page](#) on our website for a full list or use the links below.



Small Group Links

[Men's Fellowship](#)

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[Sunday Morning Bible Study](#)

[Women's Circles](#)



Providing Comfort

Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets

Do you know someone who could use a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? You'll find a lovely selection in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

Amazon Wishlist

1st Pres Neighbor Closet

You can help anytime by going [here!](#)

Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online

10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary

10:30 am Bible Study

DOXA Service 11 am in gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch

ARMS Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Family Ministries

Please join our team of volunteers who serve in Family Ministry! All volunteers are background-checked and receive additional training. If you have not volunteered before and would like to learn more about next steps, please [email Kierstie](#). If you have already received your background check and training, please use the link below to serve with our Sunday ministry offerings.

Seeking Volunteers for:

- Nursery Assistants
- Pre-K-1st & 2nd-5th Grade Sunday School to Assist Teachers with Prepared Lessons
- Middle-School Youth Group Assistants

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