



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Chris Gray



Things Aren't What They Seem

Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead, the angels were given a space in the cold basement.

As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem." ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Venture

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Venture begins again on February 2nd and continues through May 4th. There are programs for the kiddos, youth and one adult class taught by Pastor Neal.

Pastor Neal's class, '7 Weeks to Greater Positivity and Kindness' will help you reduce negativity at work, home, and community. The class is interactive, utilizing small group discussion and peer

Growing as Disciples Together

Saturday, January 22
10 am - 2 pm



Unsure of how to engage people in good conversations?

Learn to be a better facilitator, committee

member, or communicator in this 1/2 day class taught by Wendy Wilson. You'll leave with new skills in communicating in a group! This free class will be held on Saturday, January 22, from 10 am to 2 pm. **Lunch will be provided!** Register by calling Carolyn Keefer at 208-691-9914 or

coaching as well as training from Pastor Neal. We will be using Pastor Neal's book *Workplace Positivity* (\$15 due at the first class). Learn more about [Kindness Training](#).

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

You can also register for Pastor Neal's class on Sunday in Krueger Hall.

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

Complimentary Appetizers . Buffet Dinner
Champaign Toast included with Dessert
Silent & Live Auction
Famous Trader Joe's Raffle Basket

[Purchase Tickets and Details Here](#)

there will be a sign-up sheet in Krueger Hall this Sunday.

Sunday School Is Back!



We have decided it's time to get back to our traditional Sunday School on

Sunday mornings!

To make that happen, we are looking for four or five dedicated volunteers to teach our preschoolers and kindergartners on rotation, teaching or co-teaching every other week. I will provide the lesson plans and all activities.

If you are interested in working with our youngest kiddos, please email Carley at carley@1stpresdowntown.org or call/text 208-215-5337 to learn more about this opportunity to serve the children and families of 1st Pres.

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!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Who among us hasn't wanted to make our mark on the world? Maybe not the whole world. Maybe just our own part of the world or even just our own family. Most of us would say we want to make a difference. We want to know our purpose. Read Nehemiah 1:1-10 [Watch this 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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Family Promise

Hosting This Week!

If you have an assignment this week - bless you! If you'd like to help fill-in this week, please contact Judy Flieger, Teri Burch or Ann Smart. We can always use extra help Sunday morning with take-down.

Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

January Schedule

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study - Lakeside Conference Room

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

Children & Family Ministry

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



Carley Walker

Sunday School Needs You!

As more families attend church regularly, we have decided to return to our traditional Sunday school on Sunday

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: February 2 & 16, March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20 and May 4.

[Register Now](#)

mornings. To make that happen, we need four to five dedicated volunteers to teach our preschoolers and kindergartners. Rotating, you would teach or co-teach every other week. I would provide the lesson plans and all activities. If you'd be interested in working with our youngest group of children please email Carley at carley@1stpresdowntown.org or call/text 208-215-5337 to learn more about this opportunity to serve the children and families of 1st Pres.

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.

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](#).

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



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.

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!