



## This Week's eNews

January 30, 2024

### Blog of the Week

Heather Bell

I grew up with a family Bible on display in our entryway. It sat opened on a special wooden stand from The Holy Land. Mom would turn the pages to different stories. I have no idea what translation that Bible would have been. It was not one that ever left the house. The children ... [Read More](#)



### Important Links

[1stPresDowntown.org](https://1stPresDowntown.org)

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## This Week

### Serving Ecumenical Lunch

Thursday,  
February 1



1st Pres is serving our Ecumenical Kitchen guests **this Thursday!** Call the office or Bev Rasor if you can help.

### Family Ministry Church Center Download Now!



Family Ministry is officially launching Church Center for 1st Pres Families! Through Church Center, you will be

able to update your household information, access the full family calendar, register for special events, access mobile check-in for kids (coming soon), and more! The move to Church Center gives families more access to up-to-date information, gives our team easy ways to communicate with our families, and will serve as the center hub of information for our ministry.



### Celebrating Communion this Sunday

We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday. If you are worshipping from home, please be sure to gather your elements before the service begins.

**Notice**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**

[Join Today](#)



Congregational Meeting

After a combined classic and contemplative service at 9 am on February 4th, we

will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting. All are welcome.

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### Family Ministry Calling All Volunteers Download Now!

Calling all volunteers! There are many ways to get connected and serve with Family Ministry. If anything caught your interest from our volunteers who shared Sunday, and you'd like to learn more, please reach out to Kierstie. Thanks!



### Family Ministries We Need Your Feedback!



Hello families! The Family Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who has shared thoughts with our team, and those who participated in the fall listening session. All of

your feedback has helped guide our team and ministry offerings for the coming year.

We are considering an addition to our summer outreach this year, and would like to know what your family would be most excited for and likely to participate in. Our team will consider all feedback given, and move forward with the option that fits with the majority of hopes of our families. [Share your thoughts!](#)

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### Lloyd Siebert

Long-time member, Lloyd Siebert, passed into the loving arms of Jesus early this morning, January 30, 2024. Please keep Fern and the family in your thoughts and prayers. Memorial service details to come.



### Sunday's Service

We continue with our study of Luke this week. Please join us as we explore temptation as opportunity.

[Watch Now](#)

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## General News

### Now Hiring Choir Director

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



### 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

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](#) | [Posting on Indeed](#)

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Amazon Wishlist

### 1st Pres Neighborhood Closet

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

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[Men's Fellowship](#)  
[Sermon-Based Small Groups](#)  
[Sunday Morning Bible Study](#)  
[Women's Circles](#)



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### 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.

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## Weekly @ 1stPres

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### 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

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DOXA Service 11 am in gym

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch  
ARMS Meeting  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Family Ministries

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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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