



## 1st Pres eNews

March 15, 2022

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### Blog of the Week

Susan Lauer

Some Lenten Contemplations  
from a First Pres Newbie

Dan, Evan and I have been beautifully blessed by the love of 1st Pres from the moment we walked through the doors in January 2019. From your warm smiles and down-to-earth welcome to the holy flexibility and freedom within the PC/USA as a denomination, our social and spiritual ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

**Venture**  
1stPresDowntown

**This Week**  
March 16 | 6 pm



**Meet n' Greet**

**Friday, March 18th**  
**Krueger Hall | 5-7 pm**

Mark your calendars!

Our Membership/Welcome Committee is



### Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**This Thursday | 7 pm**

Please join us Thursday, March 17 at 7pm in the Sanctuary for our first rehearsal since late 2021. Masks are recommended but not required. Contact Kent Kimball if you have questions.

**ALL are welcome!!**

We debut Palm Sunday, April 10th!



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

pleased to announce we are hosting the first Meet n' Greet since January of 2020! This is a casual evening of getting together to meet each other including leaders of the church. Everyone is invited! Please join us for a bit of Friday night socializing and some nibbles. We look forward to seeing you there!!

## How You Can Help Ukraine

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is organizing assistance for Ukraine. Please click on this link to find out more and how you can help.

[Helping Ukraine](#)

### Growing Your Faith In A Digital World

Several years ago 1st Pres gained access to the online resource, **RightNow Media**. If you are relatively new to 1st Pres you may not be aware of this excellent streaming library. RNM is a kind of Netflix of Bible study and other Christian oriented videos, including a large selection devoted to kids. It is available free of charge to all 1st Pres members, attendees, and friends thanks to the generosity of individual supporters.

You can learn more of what RNM offers by visiting [rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org). You can sign up either on their website by clicking on *Get Access* or through the *RightNow Media* [link on our website](#). Check it out ... you may find it a great addition to growing your faith using today's technology!



### Building & Grounds Work Days

Saturday, March 5th was just the first of many work days the Building & Grounds team is planning for this spring.

If you would be interested in helping on the next work day please reach out to Scott Fischer or the church office.

### Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Under New Management : The Greatest Opportunity. The Gospel of Mark is fantastic, freeing news. If it doesn't feel that way you have the wrong message. Tune in to this past Sunday's service for more. [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](#)

## Church News

### Update on our COVID Response

Here at 1st Pres we have continued to monitor local COVID concerns and to listen to the needs of our congregation

### . . . And The Results Are In!

Your generous donations of food staples *are* making a difference in

and community. Though we are still dealing with some risk concerning COVID, there have been recent improvements across our nation. All states except Hawaii are lifting their mask mandates.

Session still recommends the wearing of masks and general safety precautions in group settings. Masks, hand sanitizer, and other safety items are available throughout the church.



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our community. We asked you to help tackle hunger and you came through with flying colors (mixing metaphors here but who

We just received word that our donations totaled over 495 pounds of food. This will help feed those in need and is an answer to prayers of many.

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## CDAIDE in Transition

After five years of passionately leading CDAIDE, first as Founding Board President and then as Executive



Director, Rebecca Smith is stepping down by June 1. CDAIDE thanks her for the commitment, talent, and compassion she so clearly gave during her time with them. Along with a dedicated team, she took CDAIDE from a mere vision to fill a need in our wonderful community, and built and grew the organization into a successful, sustainable non-profit that makes a huge impact to many in our community today.

Rebecca's full-time position is open as well as three other part-time positions. Visit the [CDAIDE Careers](#) page for details.

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## We Are Hiring

### Administrative Assistant/Receptionist



Applications are being accepted for the position of Church

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. This position is about a 20 hour per week, part-time position. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume and a cover letter to our Church Administrator, Bonnie Piovesan. [Job Description](#). For more details go to the information on [Indeed](#).

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## Check Out Our Pastor Search Page

You should have received our latest update from the PNC packed full of the latest details on our search for our next Pastor. If you haven't had a chance, check out our [Pastor Search](#) web page.

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## Ecumenical Kitchen Update

1st Pres will be back to serving hot lunches on April 7th to our guests who are looking for a welcoming community and a bite to eat! We need your help with providing food and helping serve.

There is a sign-up sheet in Krueger Hall or contact Bev Rasor or the office if you can help or have any questions.

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## March Schedule

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## 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.

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We encourage social distancing with  
masks highly recommended.

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DOXA 11 am

## Wednesdays

Venture 3/2 & 3/16

## Thursdays

Men's Bible Study

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen

ARMS

Chancel Choir Practice

March 17, 24, 31

## Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Children & Family Ministry

### Adventure Kids' Club

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Dates: March 16, April 6 & 20, May 4



### Save the Date

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

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

## 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.

