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Blog of the Week

Blake Miller



Planting Seeds of Faith into the World

Luke 6:38 says, "Give, and it
will be given to you." We must

first plant a seed of faith so that God can grow us in
him so that we may flourish in His never ending love
and Eternal life. I think of planting seeds in the
springtime and having all the right conditions, soil and
water to create a beautiful, wholesome garden. We
can plant seeds of faith by sharing the Lord's love and
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This Week

What Is Holy Week? - 8 Days of Easter You Need to Know

Meg Bucher

Crosswalk.com

March 28 - April 4

Holy Week begins this Sunday, March 28. The following article, written by Meg Bucher, is published on Crosswalk.com and retells the details of that week.

Holy Week is a string of eight days that allow us an opportunity to reflect upon the shift in humanity Jesus'

Easter Sunday with His resurrection. This is the basis of Christianity. His sacrifice launched the New Covenant God promised and many had prophesied throughout the Old Testament. Each day of Holy Week



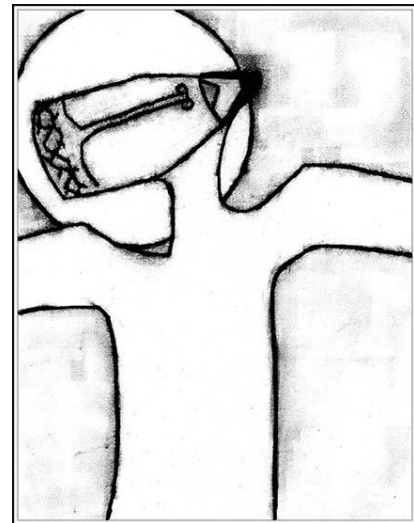
sacrifice on the cross launched. It starts with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on

allows us to peek into the heart of our Savior at an intensely close proximity. His love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross, every breath up to the last, and His resurrection.

[Read the entire article](#)



Please join us anytime Good Friday, April 2, on our YouTube channel for the choral presentation of 'The Seven Last Words of Christ' composed by Theodore Dubois. Under the direction of Kent Kimball and performed by the 1st Pres Chorale & Orchestra, this meaningful music tells the story of Christ's final day.



Orchard Ridge Spring Auction

Supporting the Resident Relief Fund

This Week



This year, the **Orchard Ridge Annual Spring Tea** is an online auction. Jump online and support the Resident Relief Fund which helps residents who no longer have the means to pay for their care. The auction runs Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26th. All proceeds go to help residents on Medicaid.

You can find a link to the Silent Auction

Hosting Ecumenical Kitchen

Next Week
April 1

1st Pres will be hosting the Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch on Thursday, April 1. No foolin'!



We continue to provide healthy bag lunches for our guests for the time being. We share the kitchen with the NIC Children's Center and it's working out brilliantly.

Christ Care Resource Books & Materials Available

hosted on Facebook here: [Spring into Action](#) to assist Orchard Ridge Medicaid residents.



The Good & Beautiful Community

Postponed until September

Please contact Katie or George Saylor if you have questions or for more information.

Recently, a "wealth" of study guides, commentaries, DVD's, song books etc. purchased over the years specifically for individual and small group study was discovered. They were "hiding" in the basement!

They are FREE for your use as individuals or as a group study! They are on specifically marked shelves in the Fireside Room and will remain there through the month of April. Anything remaining after April will be donated to our area charitable organizations.



Mother's Day Flower Basket Fundraiser 2021

We are thrilled to announce that our annual "Children and Family Mother's Day Flower Basket Fundraiser" is back! We are offering a gorgeous variety of mixed floral baskets, as well as Geraniums in orange, pink, and red. The baskets cost \$36 each with 100% of the proceeds going to camp scholarships for our very own 1st Pres kids!

To Order: Either call the office, email [Carley](#) or call her at 208.215.5337, or call Jeannie Logozzo at 425.359.6307. Last year we ran out, so get your orders in soon!

Pick-up: Baskets will be available for pick up at the church on Tuesday, May 4th from 10 am to 4 pm. If the weather is nice, we will be on the grass outside of the gym, if the weather is rainy, we will be inside the gym (we will be following county-mandated safety requirements).

Payment: You can prepay for your flower baskets by sending a check to the church or paying through our secure online payment portal located [here](#) . Prepaying will ensure a quick checkout process on pickup day, however, you can absolutely pay when you pick your basket up if that works best for you!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

This week Pastor Craig focused on Jesus as healer. How through his words, touch and physical presence, Jesus never failed in his power to restore and make things new. Find out which hymn Craig focused on and hear the rest of the story here: [Great Songs of Jesus](#).



Carley teased us with superheroes and their backstories this

past Sunday. Find out how she set-up the story of Palm Sunday: [Carley's Children's message](#).

Many thanks to Blake Miller, our tech coordinator, and our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

Post Worship Zoom



Pastor Craig hosts a prayer session each Sunday at the conclusion of our regular 9 am service. You can find the link on our website home page, in Pastor Craig's weekly Digital Check-in, and right here ... [Zoom Prayer Service](#)

Church News

38th Annual Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway August 2021

Focusing elementary-aged children (K-5th) and their clothing needs, the Deacons have begun to collect for this year's giveaway! New or gently used, we'll take it all. Consider yard-sales, thrift-stores in your shopping excursions!



All donations should be cleaned and in good shape. Drop them in a bag with a dryer sheet and they'll stay fresh-smelling and please label the bag "clean". You can also let the Deacons do your shopping by making a direct donation through our [Giving Portal](#), select Deacons and make your designation in the open field.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and for donations already starting to come in!

CDAIDE Scholarships For Summer Camp & Activities



The children's activity scholarship program is available to any

hospitality worker who lives or works in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, or Hayden. To provide extra-curricular programs and/or camp for their child, and needs financial assistance for these opportunities.

Please pass this information on to anyone

2021 Lent Devotional Praying with Scripture During Lent



To access your Lent Devotional please click this link [2021 Lent Devotional](#) provided by The Presbyterian Outlook.

you may know who could benefit from this program. Please email [CDAIDE](#) if you have questions.

To apply for a scholarship, please visit:
[CDAIDE Scholarship Application](#)

iPray and You



Would you like to be a part of our prayer community? When prayer requests are sent to Pastor Craig, submitted during our Sunday

service or submitted on our website, our church receptionists collect them and add them to our iPray list. This list is sent to our prayer warriors who keep these requests in their prayers and offer them collectively. That is the power of prayer! Contact the office or submit your request to be added as a prayer warrior on our [iPray page](#).

Knitting for Warmth is Back!

Starting April 9th, our wonderful knitters will be once again be meeting at the church! Stand by for more details or contact Carolyn Peterson directly at 208.818.0323.



Family Promise Of North Idaho

Request from Chris & Eric Fehr



Family Promise®
of North Idaho

We continue our search for a couple or

several singles to take on the job of this fulfilling role. Please contact either Eric Chris Fehr or the church office if interested. Chris & Eric Fehr 208-929-2099

The Children's Center Can Use Our Help

From the Director, Jolie Wenglikowski

The Children's center has a few needs we can help with:

- Full-size crib sheet to cover their nap mats, they still need about 40.
- Sporting equipment, such as balls, foam bats, hula hoops, cones, etc. for use in the gym and then outside when the weather improves.



Please reach out to [Jolie](#) or call the church office if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off at the church office, please call ahead of time to make sure someone is there to greet you.

March Schedule

Sundays

9 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & online. Social distancing with masks required at all times.

Thursdays

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 28, online & in Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 7 pm
online & in Sanctuary

Good Friday

April 2

Children & Family Ministry



What an exciting time of year for the church! We get to celebrate the fact that Jesus loved us so radically that he willingly died on the cross to save each of us. We get to celebrate that he rose again and is waiting for us even now. What a special time of year for believers all over the globe!

In honor of this special time, we have fun stuff planned for the families of 1st Pres! To celebrate this season, the church is going to supply you with a wonderful interactive Palm Sunday and Easter family worship experience! Because these holidays fall during Spring Break, we want to make sure you have everything you need to celebrate at-home (or on vacation!). I will be recording the devotions daily so if it is easier, hop on to the 1st Pres Facebook page or YouTube Channel and check them out each day between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Important Requests!

It is our hope that you will take a short video of your child waving their palm to share with the congregation on Palm Sunday. Simply email me the video or text me the video at 208-215-5337. I know our older congregation members would LOVE to see your children's adorable faces waving their palms! **Please send videos by Friday, March 26th.**

We would also love to see pictures of your Resurrection Gardens as they grow! We would love to share these on Easter Sunday and the week after.

Finally, if you would like to opt-out of receiving an Easter kit, please let me know asap.

Schedule and Childcare Information

Palm Sunday:

9 am service with Sunday School and nursery care. Please bring your children directly to The Adventure Zone before the service. This helps us save seats while we

Easter Sunday:

Services at 9 am and 11 am. Childcare will be provided for children Kindergarten and younger. Children in 1st grade and older will participate in the worship service

are socially distancing.

with their families.

Adventure Kids' Club Registration Is Open!

We have 12 children registered for Adventure Kids' Club so far! We have enough space for 20 children so sign up soon! For information and to sign up for the spring session go here:

[Kid's Club Registration](#)



Adventures in Caring

The Children and Family team is excited to offer you and your child/children an exciting way to receive a scholarship for camp this summer. In keeping with our "Love First" message, we would like to provide a way for your child/children to share the love of Christ with others in the community. This project is called Adventures in Caring. Please reach out if you did not receive a letter and would like further information.

Sunday School and Nursery Care on Sunday Mornings at 1st Pres

We are back worshipping together at 1st Pres! Masks are required for anyone over three years old. We would love to see you and your family. We have nursery care for the littlest congregants and Sunday school for the older children. The Sunday school messages are linked to the YouTube videos, so make sure your child is catching up on our current series if you do not feel comfortable coming to the church in person just yet. [Children's Messages](#)

Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- Palm Parade Sunday, March 28th during the 9 am service.
- Registration for Adventure Kids' Club spring session opens March 1st.
- Adventure Kids' Club spring session begins on April 7th and will be held every other Wednesday until June 7th (with a celebration on the 16th).
- VBS July 12th through the 16th
- 1st Pres Lutherhaven Camp Week August 8th through the 16th.



March 7, 2021

[Children's Devotion with Carley](#)

I hope you all have an amazing week. I am praying for you and your children. Please reach out with specific prayer requests, questions, or concerns.

Carley

Carley@1stpresdowntown.org or 208-215-5337

Youth Ministry

Confirmation

Bi-Weekly Confirmation Details

- Expect an email from Pastor Craig with updates, expectations and assignments.
- Both in-person (as allowed by local health guidance and Session decisions) in Youth Room at 1stPres and/or on Zoom.
- If coming in-person, please wear a mask and enter through Lakeside entrance of church.
- If joining via Zoom, come in at 6:00 pm, have your handout downloaded and ready. Zoom meeting information was sent in a separate email from Pastor Craig.

We are excited to journey towards confirmation with any interested middle or high schooler! Please reach out to Pastor Craig, or Tyler & Kierstie Renninger if you have any questions!

Learn more about our Youth Program on [Youth](https://www.1stpresdowntown.org/youth) on 1stPresdowntown.org

Groups & Gatherings



Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other. We'll keep you up-to-date in the eNews, on the church calendar, or you can call the office. Thank you for staying positive, and please test negative!