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Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan

Great Clouds

Winters in North Idaho are pretty dark and cloudy. The sun comes up late and goes down way too early. People get very excited on sunny winter days because they are so rare. More often than not we are surrounded by cloudy ... [Read More](#)



This Week

This Sunday! Spring Forward ...

Yes indeed ... it's that time of year ... again. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night so you don't miss a thing this Sunday!

SPRING FORWARD



Hosting March 12 - March 19

1st Pres is hosting Family Promise guests starting this Sunday, March 12 through March 19th. If you haven't signed-up to help and have a heart to contribute in some way, please reach out to Teri Burch, Judy Flieger, Ann Smart or call the office and we'll get you connected!

Remembering Woodie Pierce

July 16, 1931 - January 23, 2023



Long-time member, Woodie Pierce, will be remembered and laid to rest on **Friday, March 17th at 11 am**. The service will be held in the sanctuary with a cookie reception following in Krueger Hall.

Presbyterian Women

General Meeting | March 21st | 1 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME

A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be
refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25



Youth Volunteers! Saturday, March 18th

Saturday, March 18th, our Youth will be working with the CdA Backpack Program, a local nonprofit that provides food bags on weekends and long breaks to students experiencing food insecurity. We'll be stuffing bags for Spring Break.

We are meeting at their facility located at 5067 N Building Center Dr, CdA. Contact Kierstie if you have any questions!

Join the iPray Team!



Do you have the heart to pray for those in need or celebrate those who praise? You too can be a prayer warrior!

Every week prayers and praises are collected and sent to a team of faithful prayer warriors who lift them up to God.

We are a praying church and you can be a part of this important ministry. Contact the office if you'd like to be added.

office@1stpresdowntown.org

All are welcome to our March General meeting at 1 pm on March 21st as we welcome Sue

Bockelman also known as "The Plant Pro" as our guest speaker.



Sue has owned and operated her own landscape design, installation and consultation business for the past 25 years in Colorado and for the last 8 years in North Idaho. She has taught horticultural seminars and gardening classes for over 30 years.

Please join us for what is sure to be a fun and informative afternoon!

2023 Lenten Devotion Inward Work for Outward Living

Teri McDowell Ott's inspiring Lenten devotion combines personal reflection with meditation, visualizations and short prayer. The prayers can be used as mantras or breath prayers: breathe in praying the first phrase, breathe out praying the last.

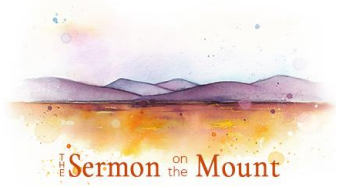
May God bless you and keep you as you journey through this Lenten season.

Download Weekly Devotion
[Week 4 Devotion](#)

Download Booklet
[Inward Work for Outward Living Booklet](#)

Sunday's Service
Watch again or for the 1st time!

The Sermon on the Mount |The Measure You Give.
Christians are fond of saying, "You shouldn't judge others."



Jesus agrees! Do we know why? Listen to this powerful message as we seek an answer to a difficult question.

[Watch Now](#)

Many thanks to our team of volunteers who make broadcasting the service possible!

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

Church News

Sunday Bible Study - New Time

10:30 | Lakeside Room | Krueger Hall

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

to someone who could use a lift

Summer 2023 at Camp Spalding

Registration opened March 6th



CAMP SPALDING

The due date for **your intent to register** and scholarship application has past but that doesn't mean you can't

attend camp. That said, spaces are limited and if you wait too long you may miss your opportunity to attend this year.

Please call Kierstie if you're thinking about Camp Spalding this summer. Registration opens on **March 6th** and spaces won't last.

In 2022 our amazing knitters lovingly and prayerfully distributed 53 shawls/lap robes! And since the beginning of the knitting group, 624 shawls/lap robes have been gifted.



Our wonderful knitters meet every week to keep our supply of prayer shawls ready to gift to someone who could use a cozy boost.

You can find their handiwork in the Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.

Drummers Needed!



Do you have the heart to serve in a new way? Are your feet tapping during our Praise music?

The Praise Team is looking to expand our band with additional drummers. This is a rotation job, so you'd be sharing it with others.

Please contact [Tom Richards](#) (208-651-4472) if you're interested! Or call the office at 208-667-8446.

Small Groups

We are in the process of re-imagining our small-group opportunities. If you are interested, please stay tuned. In the meantime, you can find information on our website. If you can't find what you're looking for, please call the office.



- [Men's Fellowship](#)
- [Sunday Bible Study](#)
- [Women's Circles](#)

March Weekly Events

Sundays

7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal
9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary
10:30 am Bible Study

Masks are encouraged if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Volunteers

Look below for the volunteer sign-up link! The sign-up sheet is also available on the wall in its usual place outside of the Adventure Kids Zone, and has been updated with March dates.

Volunteer Dates Needed:

3/12 - Elementary Assistant available
3/19- Elementary Assistant available
3/26- Both Pre-k/K available



New Offering Goals

We have started our new goals for offerings that will go until the end of the school year! I am also excited to say that the kids have already met the first two, hooray!

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer:

1stpreschildren@gmail.com. You can also check the volunteer sign-up sheet to sign-up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:

Sunday School and Event Volunteer
Signup

Background Check Form

Youth Ministry



Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Email [Kierstie](#) to receive the newsletters.

Check Out Our Schedule

Join our group on the Band App to see our schedule, upcoming events, and more!
Don't forget to turn on notifications.
Click [here](#) to join!

The 1st Sunday of every month, all youth will stay in the Sanctuary to participate in Holy Communion.

Middle Schoolers are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service.

High Schoolers will meet at 11:30 for lunch and connection. Contact [Kierstie](#) for details.

Volunteers Needed!

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email [Kierstie](#) to get involved!