



## 1st Pres eNews

March 8, 2022

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### Blog of the Week

Kyler O'Connor

#### Be Still

Psalm 46:10 *"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"*



Before you read this, make a 60-second timer and sit still, and try to think of nothing. Ready? Go!

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## This Week



**Friday, March 18th**  
**Krueger Hall | 5-7 pm**  
Mark your calendars!

Our Membership/Welcome Committee is 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



### How You Can Help Ukraine

**GIVE. ACT. PRAY.**

The Presbyterian Mission Agency faithfully works to inspire, equip, and connect the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in its many expressions to serve Christ in the world through new and existing communities of faith, hope, love, and witness.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through

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!!

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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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Last Saturday's Building and Grounds work party cleaned out a large portion of the Sanctuary basement, removing old, accumulated debris, unneeded building materials, broken chairs, etc. Truckloads were either hauled to the dump, and another load of useable items was taken to Habitat for Humanity by Allen Miller. The response from the Church for volunteers was amazing, so much so that we were done before noon.

the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

[Learn more about what the PDA is doing and how you can help Ukraine.](#)

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## Family Promise UPDATE

The love and generosity of 1st Pres knows no



bounds and our support of Family Promise of North Idaho (FPNI) is but one expression of that love.

We are ready to host children and their families but as it turns out, there are no families at this time. Things can change quickly when families are in the crisis of homelessness and 1st Pres may be asked to host at any time this week with 24 hour notice. One of our coordinators will update this week's volunteers.

Our next host date is in September.

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## . . . And The Results Are In!



Your generous donations of food staples *are* making a difference in our community. We asked you to help tackle hunger

and you came through with flying colors (mixing metaphors here but who cares)!

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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**Chancel Choir Rehearsal Begins  
March 17th**

Thanks to all those involved: Scott Fischer, Allen Miller, Bruce Wallies, Carolyn Keefer, Kathy Hickman, Lynne McCall, John McRae, Bill Burch, and Donna Schwant. Brandie our custodian and his son Hayden were there with three of Hayden's friends to help carry many of the items up the stairs.

If you have a heart to sing 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. We debut Palm Sunday, April 10th!

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## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Under New Management. The Gospel of Mark is written by a person who never met Jesus but whose life was transformed by what he came to hear and believe about Jesus. Just like us. Tune in to this past Sunday's service for the whole story. [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](#)

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## 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 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.

### Now 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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**Venture**  
1st Pres Downtown

**This Month**  
March 16 | 6 pm

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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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## Celebrating Chris Gray



Did you know Chris Gray served our country for three years in the Army, including time in Korea? Her dedication to our country is the

same dedication she has shown while working in the church office for the past 5 years. Her kindness and helpfulness to people visiting our office is exemplary of our LOVE 1st motto. She is one of those ladies who graciously goes about her job with a cheerful attitude and plenty of hugs.

In addition to her duties in the church office, Chris has volunteered at many 1st Pres events over the years; but most recently she served as treasurer while being a Deacon. She is also a member of

the Christ Care Group known as “Faith, Fun and Friendship”. This group is made up of women who are widows or have husbands who do not attend church.

Due to recent health issues, Chris has decided to end her “tour of duty” in our church office. Her smiling face and kindness will most certainly be missed around the office!!

Thankfully Chris intends to remain a member of 1st Pres and you can catch her on our Sunday YouTube services on the chat feature.



## March Schedule

### 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

### 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.

