



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Kierstie Renninger



In All Things, Give Thanks

Does this season of thanksgiving put you in a reflective mood? I know for me personally, moving into the holiday season allows me to take pause, reflect, and praise the many blessings around me. Holidays can also be bittersweet reflecting on sweet memories of holidays shared with those we've loved who are not physically present with us for one reason or another. How do you spend time expressing ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Sunday Nov 14

8:30 - 11:00 am | Krueger Hall



Join us as we welcome our local Mission Partners, as well as several Fair Trade organizations and learn about the miracles Christ is doing in their Mission field.

Sunday Morning Youth Study Cafe

Starting November 14th

Youth! Are you feeling overwhelmed by your weekly to-dos? Bring your homework,



passion projects or a good book on Sunday mornings. 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.

Proceeds from any items purchased will help further Mission efforts. Please reach out to Matt Broadway at 208-699-6229 with any questions or if you'd like to volunteer

1st Annual CDAIDE Chef Challenge

Thursday Nov 18 | 5:30 pm

Join us for an exciting and entertaining evening as we watch local chefs compete for the tastiest and most creative offerings. This event will help CDAIDE raise emergency funds for our local hospitality workers who continue to struggle with long hours and scarce housing options. There will be an opportunity to buy a raffle ticket for a basket filled with quality wines and meals at local restaurants, but there will be no silent auction or paddle raise! Instead your ticket price pays for an evening of fun and entertainment unlike anything you've seen in Coeur d'Alene before!

[Purchase tickets here.](#)

Turkey Fund 2021

1st Pres will once again provide the blessing of a \$50 grocery card for needy 1st Pres families and individuals, community friends, school counselors, and nonprofit partners to help defray holiday food costs. Go to our Giving Portal and select 'Turkey Fund' to make a donation of any amount. You can also mail or drop a check off at the church during normal office hours. Special Turkey Fund envelopes will be available for Sunday donations.



CHRISTMAS FAMILIES 2021

Our Deacons have been busy interviewing the families participating this year.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 21



We will be holding a congregational meeting at the end of the 9 am service in

the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the 2022 slate of new Session members.

2022 Stewardship Campaign Bridging to the Future

Every fall we set aside some time to pray and seek God's wisdom



concerning our future. As a church we look over needs, wants, and budgets. As individuals we take time to consider how we can serve with our time and our finances.

This coming year will be a season of change as we clarify our next steps and seek out a new pastor to help move our church forward.

Before the month gets swept up in the holidays, please take some time to consider how you can be a part of the future of 1st Pres in 2022.

Pledge cards are available [here](#) or at the church.

Neigh-tivity is On!

December 4 | 12 - 3 pm

Sherman Park (next to Pita Pit)

After two years of being cancelled, the Community Outreach team is pleased to announce that Neigh-tivity is happening! How does an afternoon of caroling, petting farm animals, hot beverages and even a photo opportunity in front of a manger

Program details can be found [here](#).



scene sound? We need volunteers and a sign-up sheet will be popping up soon in Krueger Hall. You can help us make this a great event for our community!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

What do we learn from the past and bring into the future? Pastor Neal focused on Matthew 16:13-18 where Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do they say that I am?" Who does CdA say we are?

[Watch 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



Since September 26, 2006, Ninos con Valor has been serving the needs of Bolivia's most vulnerable children thanks to the generosity of so many! [Watch their celebration video](#)

Saturday Men's Breakfast

@ Calypso Coffee Roasters

On the 2nd and 4th Saturday, September through May, the men of 1st Pres are invited to come together for fellowship and a bite to eat. We meet at 7:30 am at Calypso Coffee. Email [Dan Brown](#) or call 208.755.9087 for details .

Prayer Shawls Available



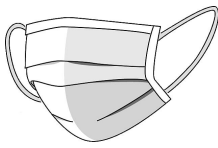
Our knitters and crocheters have been working their magic and 10 shawls and one lap robe are currently available.

They can be found in the **Fireside Room**. Please be sure to complete the Prayer Shawl Ministry sheet so we can track who's been gifted and that prayers for them continue.

Family Promise is Hiring!

Shelter Manager - 20 hrs/week

The shelter manager maintains an in-home structure and maintaining day-to-day tasks of the shelter. This role requires the ability to be flexible, responsive, and work effectively with a wide variety of team members. This position reports to the Executive Director. [Full job description HERE](#) or [visit the Family Promise website](#) for more details.



Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

November Schedule

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study - Lakeside Conference Room

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online.

10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary.

We encourage social distancing with
masks highly recommended.

DOXA 11 am

Wednesdays

Venture - [see schedule](#)

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

Adventure Kids' Club Details

Join in on this social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. Our fall/winter session focuses on learning about Jesus and ourselves through a look at New Testament parables. Any child, kindergarten through 5th grade, is invited to attend.

[Register here](#)



TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

DATE: Wednesdays: November 17 | December 1

Masks are strongly recommended, but not required by our Session at this time.

Fall Schedule

November

- Family Game Night and Gingerbread House Contest: November 17th, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

December

- Neightivity, Saturday, December 4th | 12 noon - 3 pm | Sherman Park : Join us for caroling, take photos in our manger scene, enjoy a hot beverage and pet some cute animals.

I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

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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](mailto:Kierstie@1stpresdowntown.org) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

Groups & Gatherings

Sunday Morning Bible Study

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Our Sunday morning bible study, led by Chris and Eric Fehr meets at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room [Krueger Hall]. Join in person or online using this [Zoom link](#).



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time every Friday from 10-11:30 am in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

Contemplative Worship Service

A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. Spend time peacefully worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

Contemplative Service Leads

[Donna Brundage](#): Greeting

[Susan Lauer](#): Setup & Sanctuary Design

[Matt Broadway](#): Music

[Yvette Wyatt](#): Scripture & Prayer

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.

