



## This Week's eNews

November 14, 2023

### Blog of the Week

Tyler Renninger

When I was in middle school, my band director took us to an event at North Idaho College. This was my my first time in such an auditorium. I still remember being in awe of the size, and of how many students were on the stage. I don't remember what we played, I don't remember who was conducting, but I remember the experience. [Read More](#)



### Important Links

[1stPresDowntown.org](https://1stPresDowntown.org)

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## This Week

### Meeting Notice

#### Congregational Meeting



Sunday November 19 | 10 am

We will be holding a congregational meeting immediately following the 9 am service to vote for new Session members and new Deacons as well as Nominating Committee members for the coming year.

### Coming in December

#### Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff

December 2 | 5:30 pm | 1st Pres Gym



You may think it's early to be talking about anything Christmas (except those of you who have already started listening to Christmas carols and watching Christmas movies - don't pretend you're not!). It's not too early because this all-church party is a less than three weeks away!



### Food Drive

#### Fill the Pack

All November

The list of needed items and bags to fill are in Krueger Hall throughout the month of November. You

We are on a roll with successful meal gatherings at 1st Pres and this all church Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff is sure to prove no different!

We want you to mark your calendars and

can also access the CdA Backpack  
Program's Amazon Wishlist here:

[Amazon Wish List](#)

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### Feeding Our Community **Turkey Drive 2023**

Funds raised during our annual Turkey Fund Drive, will help provide food resources year-round. Thank you for your continued and generous support of this great ministry and by extending the love of Christ, displayed by caring hands and feet showing the goodness of God.



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### Mission Team **International Mission Trip** November Update

As Believers, sometimes we ponder the work we are doing for God's glory. Are we having the right impact in a way that reflects His love and mercy? Am I doing what the Lord has truly called me to do, or am I simply doing the work I prefer to do? Am I sharing the good news of salvation with my family, my community, and people throughout the world?

There is no doubt that there is plenty of work to be done within ourselves, in our own homes and in our own backyards. But for some, the call is for international missions. In addition to the wonderful ...

[Read the Entire Report](#)

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think about your most delicious chili or macaroni and cheese recipes to share. Salad, cornbread, beverages and dessert will be provided.

### **FOOD**

There is a sign-up sheet in Krueger Hall or you can [sign-up here to bring chili or mac 'n cheese](#)

### **CHILDREN ATTENDING**

Tell us how many children will be attending with you so we can plan for gifts  
[sign-up here](#)

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Thank you!

### **Hosting Family Promise**

Thank you to all who volunteered to feed, dine, and be with our guests at night. We expected to host 2 families -- one small and one large. The larger family found housing so we had the pleasure of hosting just the smaller family.

We are grateful to Bonnie and Allen Miller who responded quickly to our fire alarm sounding in the church. We are grateful to the firemen who scoured the church, looking in every room to ensure all was was safe. Thankfully all was well. Like our guests, we are grateful there was no fire. We are grateful to Steve and Mel Morman who have agreed to stay again with their grandson, Marcelo, even after the noisiest alarm in the world went off.

We next host January 7-14, 2024.

The Great Ends  
of the Church

### **Sunday's Service**

What is truth? Join us as we seek a humble encounter with God's living truth.

[Watch Now](#)

# General News

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## Getting Connected

### Small Groups

Adult Discipleship is still organizing the Sermon-based Small groups, while some have already begun. We do have a page on our website that is still in development, including weekly questions for group discussion. Please check back for updates. Contact Dan Brown for details or if you have questions.



#### Small Group Links

[Men's Fellowship](#)

[Sermon-Based Small Groups](#)

[Sunday Morning Bible Study](#)

[Women's Circles](#)

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## New Time

### Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 6:30 - 8 pm

The new rehearsal time for Chancel Choir rehearsals going forward is from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. This will remain true forever and ever, amen unless it changes at a later date. Questions? Call Kent.

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## Providing Comfort

### Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets

Do you know someone who could use a reminder that there are those who are praying for them? You'll find a lovely selection in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

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# Weekly @ 1stPres

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## Sundays

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

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DOXA Service 11 am in gym

## Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch  
ARMS Meeting  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

# Family Ministries

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Please join our team of volunteers who serve in Family Ministry! All volunteers are background-checked and receive additional training. If you have not volunteered before and would like to learn more about next steps, please [email Kierstie](#). If you have already received your background check and training, please use the link below to serve with our Sunday ministry offerings.

## Seeking Volunteers for:

- Nursery Assistants

[Sign Up Today](#)

- Pre-K-1st & 2nd-5th Grade Sunday School to Assist Teachers with Prepared Lessons
- Middle-School Youth Group Assistants

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