



1st Pres eNews

November 29, 2022

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Blog of the Week

Kyler O'Connor

Reaching Out

Hello everyone, I hope you had a great Thanksgiving!

With the holiday season officially kicked off this week, I thought we could take some time to remember the importance of ... [Read More](#)



This Week



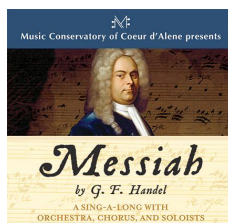
Communion This Sunday

If you are worshipping from home, please gather your communion elements before the service begins.

Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene Presents

Handel's *Messiah*

December 4th | 3 pm



1st Pres, along with many other local churches, is co-sponsoring a *Messiah* sing-a-long with orchestra, chorus and soloists at Schuler Performing Arts Center at NIC on Sunday, December 4 at 3 pm.

Free Admission, donations encouraged.



Advent Schedule

December 9

Christmas Families Dinner
5:30 - 7:30 pm

December 10

Youth Progressive Dinner
Please RSVP on BandApp by 12/4
4 - 7 pm

December 11

Christmas Families Dinner December 9th



Preparations are well underway for this year's first all-church festive Christmas Family Dinner!

The Deacons have a fun evening of good food and family activities planned. We have invited 11 families, including 34 kids, from area schools. We'd love to welcome them properly with folks from 1st Pres joining in to share a potluck meal and get to know one another.

You can sign up on-line or look for our in-person sign-up in Krueger Hall. We're hoping many of you will choose to attend and perhaps bring your special chili or mac-n-cheese. Deacons will provide salad, rolls, drinks, and dessert.

Activities: Christmas crafts, cookie decorating, a musical "prize walk," photo opportunity, and a special gift for each child attending.

[RSVP online here!](#)

UnPageant Youth Music Rehearsals

Youth are invited to rehearsals on Sundays 12/4 and 12/11 at 8 am in the Youth Room! You are welcome to drop-in and play through some of the pieces, and work out any questions with Tyler.



Dress rehearsal: Saturday, December 17th @ 10 am in the sanctuary.



Night of Miracles Cantata 9 am service

The Story of the Other Wise Man, Pt 1
10:30 service

December 18

The UnPageant
9 am service

The Story of the Other Wise Man, Pt 2
10:30 service

December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve
5 pm

Communion Candlelight Christmas Eve
7 pm



Presbyterian Woman Christmas Gathering

The Presbyterian Women would like to welcome all to their Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 20th at 1pm.

The program will begin in the Sanctuary and conclude in Krueger Hall for refreshments.

Christmas Ornaments on Sale

The youth are once again offering the beautiful ornaments designed and created by our very own Brent Everson of Custom Den in Coeur d'Alene. Proceeds from the sale will help send students to camp this coming summer.

You'll definitely want to add this new design to your collection.

Pre-sales will begin on Sunday, Dec 11th between services! \$10/ornament or 3 for \$25.

Help Re-stock the Closet

Deacons have planned a clothing drive to restock the Clothes Closet as the other part of their re-imagined Christmas at 1st Pres. It will run the month of December.

This Sunday, you'll find a Christmas tree displayed in Krueger Hall filled with ornament-tags describing items needed by the Closet.

Please take a tag, purchase the item, and drop it off in the bin under the tree. No wrapping necessary!

Presbyterian Woman Quilt Auction Winner

Your generous donations raise \$589!!! And winner of this year's Presbyterian Women's Quilt auction was Ellen Taylor. Congratulations, Ellen!



Annual Turkey Fund Drive

Your generous donations are helping local families prepare a Christmas meal this holiday season.



Donate on our church website, during Sunday offering, or in Krueger Hall the rest of November and part of December. Your generosity is appreciated.

Stewardship 2023



As we enter this season, we invite you to experience the joy of generosity. God's faithfulness has blessed our congregation with opportunities to participate in His work in our city and beyond. Indeed, this is a joyful time at 1st Pres.

[Download your 2023 Pledge Card](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Advent | Hope. How do you hope for something that has already taken place? As we enter the Advent season, God invites us to experience hope in tangible ways as we look toward the birth of Christ. Join us this Sunday as we explore this hope together. [Watch this service for the first time or once again!](#)

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

November Mission Team Update

CDAIDE is a mission partner that is very near and dear to our hearts here at 1st Pres. Their mission is to provide support services to our community's vulnerable and underserved hospitality workers, including those employed in restaurants, hotels, coffee shops and other local establishments. The concept emerged from a strategic planning process that 1st Pres undertook in 2014. Since CDAIDE's inception, it has been an important resource to our hospitality industry and in 2018 became a legally recognized nonprofit with seed money from First Presbyterian. Since 2018, they have become a successful, independent organization.

Board Director Bev Moss, in a recent interview, shared that the organization transitioned from a small- to mid-sized nonprofit during COVID. That was when restaurants shut down and tourism came to a halt, resulting in an 800% jump in referrals of hospitality workers needing support. To meet this challenge, CDAIDE had to grow the program with more volunteers, more grants, and more donors almost overnight. Bev stressed the importance of individual donors, whose generosity fills the long gaps between grant and fundraising cycles and noted that our congregation has always been their most faithful and dedicated source of individual donors. She further emphasized that CDAIDE, "Can't thank 1st Pres enough - you launched us and remain

our first and best supporter in so many ways." A much-appreciated, visible benefit of that support is the office space in the church that is offered to CDAIDE at a very reasonable rental rate.

How exactly does CDAIDE support hospitality workers? Here are two examples:

- Earlier this year, a couple working in hospitality was thrown into crisis when one of them was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. They went from two incomes to one and that single income was further cut with reduced hours to provide home care and transportation to and from doctor appointments. To keep them going and ensure they continued to receive medical treatment, CDAIDE paid for their rent and utilities, and assisted with their medical bill deductible.
- Another very different example was helping a family of five whose only car urgently needed repairs. Although both parents worked, they were living paycheck to paycheck and could not afford this additional expense. CDAIDE paid for the repairs and the family weathered this unexpected cost.

CDAIDE is a true blessing to Coeur d'Alene's community's hospitality workers, and we are proud to have been a part of their beginnings.

Gift a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket

to someone who could use a lift

Our wonderful knitters
meet every week to

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

keep our supply of prayer shawls ready to gift to someone who could use a boost.

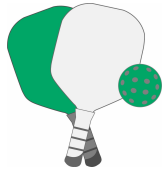


You can find their handiwork in the Fireside Room. Please be sure to fill-in the sign-out sheet when you choose your gift.

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](#)

Creating a Happy Christmas for Orchard Ridge Senior Living Guests



1st Pres Pickleball Schedule

Beginners

Tuesdays - 1:00 - 2:15

No equipment necessary
(wear good sneakers).

Intermediate Players

Tuesdays 2:30- 4:00

Fridays 10-11:30

For more information, contact:

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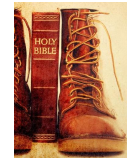


Each year, Orchard Ridge Senior Living collects items to be

included in Christmas gift baskets for its special residents. Remember someone you *don't* know at Christmas! [Full Gift Idea List & details here.](#)

Mission Trip Planning Underway

The Missions Committee is looking to send a mission team out in the Spring or Summer of 2024. Exactly where and when are yet to be determined. If you might be interested in being a team leader, please contact Richard Morrow through the church office.



December Weekly Events

Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online

10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary

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: on break
until January 2023

Children & Family Ministry

Thank You, Volunteers

This week is the last Bible Buck Store week until Christmas! We restocked with some goodies that could be given to friends and siblings as Christmas gifts. There is only one more Sunday School position that needs filled until the end of the year: thank you all so much! We must have the specified amount of volunteers not only to keep the age groups separated, but as a legal best practice.

Dates needed:

12/11- Helper for Elementary

Ring the Bell

Sign-up on the sheet outside of the downstairs kids rooms to ring the bell! The weekly kids newsletter will detail what dates are available.

Special Events:

12/18 Unpageant

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



Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Email Kierstie to receive the newsletters.

Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service. Contact Kierstie for details.

Searching for Volunteers

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.

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! We are still seeking additional volunteers to help ensure that each event runs smoothly. There are many

Click [here](#) to join!

ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email Kierstie if you would like to get involved!