



## 1st Pres eNews

November 3, 2021

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### Blog of the Week

Kent Kimball



#### Forgiveness

Forgiveness. Oh boy, this is a tough one. The apostle Paul wrote "Christ died for me before I deserved it, not because I deserved it". Can I forgive someone in my heart just because it's my duty to forgive? This is the most difficult challenge in my Christian journey.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus says "forgive us our debts as we have forgiven those who are in debt ... [Read More](#)

## This Week



### Communion Sunday

November 7th

For those of you worshipping from home, please be sure to collect your elements before the service begins.

## Venture

1stPresDowntown

This week! Kiddo, Youth and adult programs start at 6:30 tonight, Wed, November 3rd. Not to be missed!

### Daylight Saving Time Ends

This Sunday, November 7th

### Discovery Day Survey

We need your input!

Even if you participated on October 23, you may still have thoughts you'd like to share. Your input is valued and needed.

[Take the Survey Now](#)

**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. 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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Calling CDAIDE Volunteers!

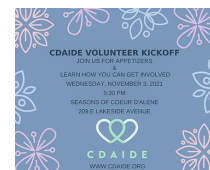
November 3 | 5:30 pm

CDAIDE is hosting a volunteer event this Wednesday, Nov 3rd, 5:30 pm at Seasons Restaurant, 509 E

Lakeside Ave. Appetizers will be served.

Learn how to get involved with this wonderful organization that benefits our local restaurant and hospitality workers.

More Information: [CDAIDE.org](http://CDAIDE.org)



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.



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](#)

## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES 2021

Our Deacons have been busy interviewing the families participating this year. Program details can be found [here](#). More details here next week!

## Neigh-tivity is On!

December 4 | 12 - 3 pm  
Sherman Park (next to Pita Pit)

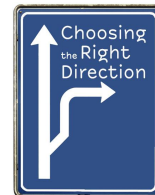
The Community Outreach team is pleased to announce, after two years of being cancelled, that Neigh-tivity is happening. More details next week and a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Help us make this a great event for our community.

## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Hocus Pocus and Abracadabra. How could that have ANYTHING to do with a Sunday message? You'll need to watch the service to find out.

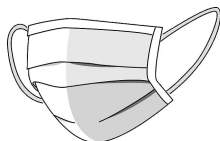
[Watch for the first time or watch it again!](#)



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



### Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

## Missions Committee Update

Staff of Hope



Staff of Hope, started in 2001 by a group of seminary students in response to a severe drought in East Africa, have been a long-standing 1st Pres Mission Partner. The organization, centered in Kenya, has grown since 2001,

guided by a vision of helping people lift themselves from poverty with sustainable long-term solutions and becoming resilient to events like drought, famine, and economic shock.

Staff of Hope believes that the work they do can have impact for generations. Investing in water, education, and Christian leadership today can create a more hopeful future for children in East African communities.

As a country with only a 1.9% vaccine rate for COVID-19, the Staff of Hope's mission in Kenya has been challenging and the needs are severe. Because of pandemic restrictions, the Oloile School we support has been operating on a restricted basis and Christian leadership mentoring programs have been limited. More than ever, our support for the Staff Of Hope is greatly needed.

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## 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 .

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## 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.

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## 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.

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We encourage social distancing with  
masks highly recommended.

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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 3, 17 | December 1

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

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## 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 - Details coming

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I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

[Carley@1stpresdowntown.org](mailto:Carley@1stpresdowntown.org) or 208-215-5337

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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](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

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# Groups & Gatherings

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Our Sunday morning bible study, led by

## Contemplative Worship Service

A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your

Chris and Eric Fehr meets at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room [Krueger Hall]. Join in person or online using this [Zoom link](#).

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## 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.

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## 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.



soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. Spend time peacefully worshiping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

### Contemplative Service Leads

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**Donna Brundage:** Greeting

**Susan Lauer:** Setup & Sanctuary Design

**Matt Broadway:** Music

**Yvette Wyatt:** Scripture & Prayer