



## This Week's eNews

November 7, 2023

### Blog of the Week

Mikal Johnson

The Great War officially began on 28 July, 1914 and lasted until 11:00 am, Central European Time, 11 November, 1918. The total number of deaths, civilian and military, on both sides, is estimated between 15 and 22 million souls. Around 10 million of those were military personnel. The Armistice had been signed at 5:45 am, but the Allied Command [Read More](#)



### Important Links

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## This Week

### Meeting Notice

#### All Congregation Meeting

Sunday November 19 | 10 am

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting immediately following the 9 am service to vote for new Session members and new Deacons.



### Food Drive

#### Fill the Pack

All November

Our Community Outreach committee is sponsoring this drive to provide food for local students. We have a list of needed items and bags to fill in Krueger Hall this Sunday and throughout the month of November. You can also access the CdA Backpack

### Update

#### Hosting Family Promise

This Week | November 5 - 12

At this point we are almost mid-week and our Family Promise guests have been blessed with meals, groceries, dinner hosts and overnight hosts. That said, there are crucial holes to be filled — and often those holes are filled by our wonderful coordinators, Judy Flieger, Teri Burch and

Program's Amazon Wishlist here:

[Amazon Wish List](#)

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### Family Ministries

### Fall Gathering Listening Session

Sunday, November 12 | 11:30 am - 1 pm

Join us this Sunday as we talk about the joys and challenges of parenting and sharing faith with our kids.



Register today so we can plan for lunch and childcare. [Register Now](#)

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### Feeding Our Community Turkey Drive 2023

Help us help our neighbors in need. It's not just a holiday meal that our families need. We are focusing our efforts



on supporting the families that come to our own 1st Pres Neighborhood Closet. With funds raised during our annual Turkey Fund Drive, we will be able to offer these 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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### Coming in December

### Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff

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

Please mark your calendars for this whole church Christmas Party and Chili Cookoff! More details next week!

Ann Smart.

You will see Judy's name (our hosting coordinator) filling in all over the board — hosting dinners and spending the night. This week it's especially important to have women hosts as all of our guests are female, helping them with necessities and any special needs.

This week we were blessed when two women stepped up last Sunday to spend the night on Monday and Wednesday with the scheduled host.

We hope we can find a woman to take our Friday night hosting spot to relieve Judy and to co-host with Gil Walker. Judy is happy to host breakfast on Saturday Sleep-In Day for the guests. We always prepare two host rooms hoping for a combination of people.

Call Judy if you want to serve Friday the 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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### New Time

### Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 6:30 - 8 pm



The new rehearsal time for all Thursday evening Chancel Choir rehearsals going forward is from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. This will remain true forever and ever, amen. Until or if it changes at a later date. Kent Kimball has all the details if you have any questions.

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### Youth Event

### Bowling Night

November 10 | 5 - 7 pm

This Friday. Contact Kierstie for details!!

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**Sunday's Service**

## The Great Ends of the Church

What is worship? Join us as we explore the joy and purpose of giving thanks to God.

[Watch Now](#)

## General News

### 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](#)



### 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.

### 1st Pres Gear

#### Special Orders Have Arrived!

#### Pick-up Sunday

You can pick-up your gear on Sunday or contact Kierstie.



## Weekly @ 1stPres

### 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

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

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