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Blog of the Week

Kierstie Renninger



Wonderfully Made

"For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's
womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know
that full well." (Psalm 139:13-14)

It was a peaceful and quiet morning ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Welcome Pastor McLane & Family!



This week we joyfully welcome Pastor McLane Stone, his wife Charley, their daughter Epperly and a new little

one soon to appear.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) should be commended for their swift and dedicated work this past year. They formed and first met December 2021. The paperwork the Presbytery requires was finalized, approved, and submitted in February 2022. In March, Pastor McLane submitted a letter of introduction to the PNC.

have a conversation about my sense of call and how we might partner together in discovering what the Lord is calling First Presbyterian to in the coming years."

Pastor McLane has been meeting with the staff, interim Pastor Neal, and others. On Sunday, September 18th, he will deliver his first sermon as Pastor of 1st Pres and begin his ministry with us.

When asked how he is feeling he said, "I am a bit nervous and anxious but most of all I am excited. We could not be happier."

Come join us in welcoming the Stone family to our church.

Fast? Yes! A God moment? Absolutely!

An excerpt from his letter: "Reviewing your MF, I feel that I have many of the qualities you are looking for in your next pastor. I hope to have the opportunity to



Thank You Pastor Neal & Carolyn



we were blessed to have spent with them.

We couldn't send them on their way without a few remembrances of their time at 1st Pres! You can see the presentation of the gifts during this past [Sunday's service](#) (fast forward to minute 39:00)

Neal and Carolyn - we will thank God every time we think of you!



Our last Sunday with Pastor Neal and Carolyn was both happy and sad. Sad tears because they will be missed but happy for the year we

Hosting Family Promise

September 11 - 18



We are hosting three lovely families this week and all is going well. The team would like to put a call out for two tasks.

- Help with taking things down and getting things back in order for Sunday School on the 18th.
- We also need people who could be called in at the last minute to host a dinner or stay overnight.

We try to figure things out but sometimes life happens and there you are with no one to open the doors or be there for the guests during the night.

Please call the office, Teri Burch, Judy Flieger or Ann Smart to volunteer your help.

Middle & High School Bowling Night Friday, Sept. 16th



Join us for some Friday night fun! For more info, check out the details on [Band App](#). Please RSVP on Band or email [Kierstie](#) by Wednesday, Sept. 14th!

See you there!

Children & Youth Fall Volunteer Orientation Calling all volunteers to help support our children and youth

Are you currently serving one of these awesome ministries ... or do you want to be serving with us? You're invited to join us for

a fall volunteer orientation, **Saturday, Sept 17th** at 10 am in Krueger Hall. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 14th to Kierstie or Kyler. Let us know how we can support you by taking this quick [survey](#). Thanks!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 18th

Students K-12 are invited to bring their backpacks in for a back-to-school blessing on September 18th. This also happens to be Pastor McLane's first Sunday and we're sure it will be joyful!



Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Final Thoughts | Following Jesus. This Sunday, September 11th, was the last Sunday with our Interim Pastor Neal Nybo. We are thankful for the year he has spent with us and we send him on with love and gratitude. His last thoughts are not to be missed.

[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

Pastor Neal's Letter to Session



Saying goodbye is a two way street. Pastor Neal, who up until September 11th was our Pastor, Head of Staff and Moderator of the Session.

At his last meeting with Session on August 23rd submitted a beautiful letter detailing his year with us. Not surprising, this letter is full of joy and hope for the future of 1st Pres.

Read Pastor Neal's final [Letter to Session](#).

History in the Making

We are looking for pictures you may have, specifically of previous

pastors. If you

have any or know of a source we can explore, please call the office and help solve this mystery and complete the visual history of our pastors!



**Music
Rehearsals**

If you'd like to



donate to
Ukrainian
relief, please

visit the [Giving Portal](#) or drop your
donation off at the church during office
hours.



Have Begun!
All are welcome

Please contact
Kent Kimball
if you have
questions



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**Neighborhood
Closet**

Support the Closet

Access the Giving Portal and check 1stPres
Neighborhood Closet.
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Chancel Choir

Day: Thursdays | Time: 7 pm
Location: Sanctuary

Bell Choir

Day: Sundays | Time: 7:30 am
Location: Bell Room (downstairs)

September Schedule

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study

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

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

Masks are recommended if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am in Gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS Meeting

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

This Sunday: Backpacks, Offerings, and World Vision, oh my!

Blessing of the Backpacks is THIS Sunday! If you are a
friend in school, please bring your backpack so we can give
you your tag and pray for the school year!



Several families have asked, and I listened! This Sunday, we will be learning about
offerings and donating to World Vision! If you are interested in helping the kids learn
about this important step in their faith, please let Kyler know!

Special Events:

9/18 Blessing of the Backpacks- Bring your backpacks to get your yearly backpack tag,
and get a goodie bag of school supplies! Let us pray for you to be safe this year!
Learn about World Vision International and Offerings

9/25 First week of kid's offering (is optional)

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer

1stpreschildren@gmail.com. You can also check the volunteer signup sheet to sign up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:

Sunday School and Event Volunteer
Signup

Background Check Form

Youth Ministry

Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

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

Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!
Email [Kierstie](#) to receive the newsletters.

Searching for Volunteers

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

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. Click [here](#) to join!