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LOVE 1st

This Week's eNews

August 11, 2026

Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan

One of my favorite books is *Where the Red Fern Grows*. It is a tender story of a boy and his hunting dogs and their love for each other. In chapter 7, Billy needs to trap a raccoon for its hide so he can begin training his dogs to be proper hunters. Trapping a raccoon is no easy feat, and his grandfather shows ... Read More

Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

Church Calendar

1st Pres on Facebook

Giving

Prayer Requests

1st Pres on YouTube

Family Ministry

Summer Worship Series - Update!

August 19 | 4 pm - 7 pm

Join us for an incredible evening of **faith, fun, and fellowship** at Bluegrass Park in CdA as part of our Summer Worship Series! Bring your swimsuit and your appetite — we'll have:

- Catered Picnic Dinner
- Park & Splash Pad
- Bounce House
- 1st Pres Fellowship

Come ready to relax, connect, and **celebrate our Love1st mission** — gathering as a church family to share life, lift up love, and grow in God's Spirit together.

From the Presbytery

Spokane Fire Disaster Relief

How You Can Help

Dear Believers:

It has been difficult for the Spokane region with all of the fires. Many people have been evacuated in our community and some have lost their homes. Two churches in our Presbytery, Whitworth and Northwood Churches are still in a level 3 evacuation zone.
In Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fashion I invite you to:

Pray. Many of us in the Spokane area are tired and feel heavy with the burden of uncertainty — are our houses still standing?

May Christ give us peace and strength as we lead people and respond with care and compassion in our communities.

Event Address: 6071 N. Courcelles Parkway, Coeur d'Alene

****Please bring a camp chair, or something to sit on!**
REGISTER TODAY!
Questions? Contact Kierstie

Register Here: Wednesday, August 19

A Note from Renee
Pop-up Choir
Sunday, August 30 | 9 am Service

We'd like to invite you to our final pop-up choir ... the last one this Summer.

Please join us once again for the Pop-Up Choir event on **August 30th**!

We'll have two rehearsals at 8:20 on **August 23** and **August 30**. Come to one or both as desired. We are singing **Hallelujah to the Saints**, and a big choir will be SO FUN! I can't wait to direct the ending. :) Music is in the office behind the sanctuary on the table. See John Schwandt or Renee with questions.

Give:

- Please share the Presbytery website — the donate button is at the bottom of the page. On the last giving screen you can designate funds to "disaster relief". **Start Here**
- Special offering — your Session may wish to invite your congregation to participate in a special offering on Sunday or in the coming weeks. Again, this can be designated for disaster relief and can be sent to our PIN offices @
  Presbytery of the Inland NW
  PO Box 8055
  Spokane, WA 99203

Know that I am praying for you and am available for prayer or conversation — I want to support you!

Blessings, Sheryl Kinder-Pyle

Hosting Family Promise
Sunday, September 13 - 20

You can start to sign-up to volunteer for our hosting week starting this coming Sunday. Please contact Rondi, Ann, Teresa or the office if you have questions.

In Memory
Fern Seibert
September 3, 1934 - August 4, 2026

Long-time member, Fern Seibert, entered the loving arms of Jesus on August 4th. Please keep Fern's family in your prayers. **Fern's Obituary**

Sunday's Service

This Sunday we closed our summer series *Our Home* by returning to the very beginning — and discovering that caring for the landscapes of North Idaho is not just good stewardship. It is the oldest vocation in the world.
Watch Now

General News

Scroll to the bottom of this week's eNews and find out what 1st Pres'ers are doing in the community!
We're adding new events all the time!

Do you view your email using Gmail?
If yes, you will need to click on a link **that looks like the image** below and **appears at the very bottom** of your eNews to read the entire newsletter:

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The EarthCare Team has placed drop-off boxes in Krueger Hall for your AAA, AA, C and D cell batteries to be recycled. Additionally, plastic grocery and newspaper bags will be collected and dropped off at Winco.

Welcome/Membership
Directory Updates!

You can submit a new photo, new or updated contact information at any time. We'll be keeping the backdrop up in Krueger Hall for a few more weeks. You can send update information to the office at any time.

Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets
Knitting For Warmth

You'll find a lovely selection of shawls & lap blankets in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

Be Aware

Getting Connected
Small Groups

Learn how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the Discipleship page on our website for a full list or use the links below.

Small Group Links

Men's Studies
Sermon-Based Small Groups
Sunday Morning Bible Study
Women's Studies

Ongoing Giving

Feeding Families: Use a provided envelope or the Giving Portal. Choose Neighborhood Closet and designate Feeding Families in the description field.

My Registry
1st Pres Neighborhood Closet
You can help anytime by going here!

Fundraising for Belize Trip: Be sure to mark any donation 'Missions Trip'. Donate

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Community Service - Scam Information

Sadly, phishing is part of our lives and it's important to be vigilant.

Please know that Pastor McLane will **NEVER** reach out to individuals asking for money or gift cards. This is a scam. Please ignore and report it to the office.

Keep Collecting Those Pull Tabs!

Ronald McDonald House

Please save your pull tabs and place them in container at the Welcome Desk! Your participation in this ongoing fundraiser is always appreciated! **Thank you**!

Those little pop tabs are worth $.62 a pound. What's really amazing is that those little tabs amount to anywhere between $3000- $5000 a year for the Ronald McDonald House.

Sunday Parking

Parking at 1st Pres

Sundays | 8 am - 1 pm

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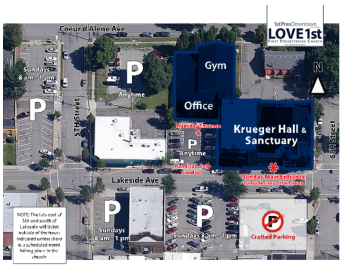

1st Pres Parking Map

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Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online
9:15-ish Sunday School
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Family Ministry

High School Youth

We're excited about our gathering for Grades 9–12**.** We meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. This time is designed just for high schoolers — a space to build community, share life together, and grow deeper in faith.

Middle School Youth

We've launched a fresh format designed to help students, grades 6-8, build meaningful friendships, share laughter, and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

Expect meaningful conversations, plenty of laughter, and a chance to connect in a way that's real and life-giving. Bring a friend and be part of something new! Contact **Kierstie** if you have questions.

Opportunities for Youth to Serve

Middle & High Schoolers: We want to serve with you! Are you ready to jump in and use your gifts and talents to live our Love1st mission? Contact Kierstie to get connected with any of the opportunities below:

Middle & High School:

- Kids Zone Volunteer (between Sunday Services)
- Greeters @ Welcome Desk (Sunday Mornings)
- Scripture Readers (Sunday 9 am Service)

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Can you help on Sunday morning with our Sunday School program?

Sign-up Here
Access Code: Love1st

Except for the first Sunday of the month, when the youth are invited to participate in Communion, we'll be meeting, once dismissed, in the Youth Room.

Contact **Kierstie** if you have questions.

Get Involved!
Church Center
Download Now!

church center
by planning center

Families with infants to college kids, we'd love to have you join us in worship and fellowship throughout the year. Getting connected will give you the option to check-in/check-out for Sunday School, RSVP for upcoming events, and view our summer calendar all from the convenience of your phone! Download the Church Center app and get connected!

Download and join TODAY!

Off Campus Participation Waivers

For children and youth participating in any off campus church events, we **MUST** have a current participation waiver on file prior to the event. This includes special events like Tree to Tree, lake days, Confirmation, etc. Thank you!

2026 PARTICIPATION WAIVER

1st Pres in the Community

What We're Doing Around Town

Music

Who: Craig Catlett (Common Ground)

Who: Craig Catlett (Spare Parts)
Where: Highlands Golf Course Grill,

Where: Barrister Winery, Spokane
When: August 19, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: August 21, 2026 | 5-7 pm

Post Falls
When: August 22, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Eric Haakenson, Tom Richards (Bucket List)
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: August 28, 2026 | 5-7 pm

Categories are:

- Entertainment | Arts | Community
- Ministry | Non-profit
- In the Neighborhood

Please submit content to Janet for review and posting.

If you have any questions contact Janet or Bonnie.

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