



This Week's eNews

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Blog of the Week

Ellen Taylor

Each December many Christian churches celebrate Advent, which is a four-week season of reflective preparation for Christ's Nativity at Christmas and also the expectation of Christ's return in the Second Coming. We celebrate these events by symbolically lighting candles. Each of the five candles, one of which is lit weekly, represent



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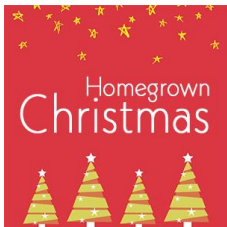
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This Week

Community Outreach

Homegrown Christmas

December 16 | 3 pm | Krueger Hall



Community Outreach would like to thank the congregation for it's support this year! We are hosting a festive celebration in Krueger

Hall with live acoustic music performed by our very own Matt Broadway, Dan Brown, Dana Hallin and Tom Richards.

If you're not already in the Christmas spirit, this is sure to move you in that direction.

Advent at 1st Pres



December 16 | Homegrown Christmas | 3 pm | Krueger Hall

December 17 | Unpageant

December 24 | Morning - one contemplative service at 9 am. Nursery & combined Sunday School classes for a Christmas craft.

Christmas Eve Schedule

December 24 | 5 pm & 7 pm

Family Ministries

Please join us for a beautiful traditional

The Celebrated Unpageant

December 17 | 9 am service



Please join us for this fun retelling of the Christmas Story. The actors are all children, unrehearsed, who's job it is to dress up, follow some simple instructions and have fun. We'll be singing carols and reading the Christmas Story.

New Staff Member Susan Olson

Please join us in welcoming the newest staff member to 1st Pres Susie Olson. Susie moved from Minnesota to Sandpoint after she retired 5 years ago. She decided to move down here to the bigger city of CdA last year and has been looking for a part-time job where she can be part of a community and give back to the world. Susie has worked in the construction industry in the Twin Cities and brings a lot of office experience to our team here at 1st Pres.

Family Ministries 2023 Ornament Sales On Sale This Sunday



Once again we're offering our lovely wooden ornaments for sale to support Family Ministries. Your support will help us refresh and restock our Family Ministry spaces in the coming year.

Price: \$10 each or 3 for \$25

Thank you Brent Everson and the Custom Den for your generosity as you support Family Ministry at 1st Pres!

candlelight service at both 5 pm and 7 pm. Childcare will be provided for children 0-5. We'll provide an activity bag for older kids in service.



Mom's & Grandmother's group forming New Prayer Group

Rebecca Smith is starting a Moms in Prayer group for mothers and grandmothers to get together to pray for their children and local schools.



The group will be meeting from 1:30-2:30 pm on Mondays at a downtown location.

If you are interested, please contact Rebecca at smithrg2@gmail.com.

Sunday's Service

Where is your hope? Join us as we look forward to a hope that does not disappoint.

[Watch Now](#)



General News

Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff | A rousing success!

The Deacons Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff was a fun evening with over 100 in attendance. Our hard working Deacons deserve a round of applause for this special evening!

There were crafts and cookie decorating for the kiddos plus gifts for all of the youngsters. Santa paid us a visit a la Pastor McLane.

Rachel Hazard took home the title of chili champion with her prize winning recipe in this year's chili contest.



Getting Connected Small Groups

Learn about how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the [Grow page](#) on our website for a full list or use the links below.



Small Group Links

[Men's Fellowship](#)

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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.

Amazon Wishlist

1st Pres Neighbor Closet

You can help anytime by going [here!](#)

Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online

10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch

ARMS Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Bible Study

DOXA Service 11 am in gym

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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