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### Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan



#### Downhill Victory

I have been fighting fear most of my life. As a teen and into my 20's, my days were controlled by worry and anxiety. My body and my mind were in this never-ending cycle of fear that robbed me of strength, energy, and hope. In my 30's, I was able to seek out some help and started the long climb out of the prison of fear--one step at a time. I found courage in God's word, ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

**2021 Lent Devotional**  
Praying with Scripture During Lent

*John Calvin spoke of the Bible as the "lens of faith," likening it to a pair of eyeglasses that enables us to see the world with clearer vision as God's creation. As theologian Serene Jones notes in "Inhabiting Scripture, Dreaming Bible" (a chapter in "Engaging Biblical Authority"), this was Calvin's way of saying that Scripture "brings*

**Orchard Ridge Spring Auction**  
March 22-26



In place of the Orchard Ridge Annual Spring Tea they will be hosting an online auction from Monday, March 22 through

*clarity and focus to all aspects of our lives” and “lets us see what we otherwise would not.” In short, once we have these eyeglasses on, “there is nothing, absolutely nothing, that escapes their vision-framing power.”*

Lent begins today. Please click this link and enjoy the [2021 Lent Devotional](#) provided by The Presbyterian Outlook.

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## iPray and You



Would you like to be a part of our prayer community? When prayer requests are sent to Pastor Craig, submitted during our Sunday service or

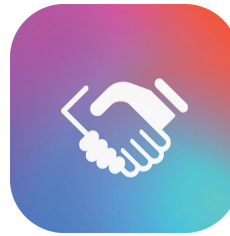
submitted on our website, our church receptionists collect them and add them to our iPray list. This list is sent to our prayer warriors who keep these requests in their prayers and offer them collectively. That is the power of prayer! Contact the office or submit your request to be added as a prayer warrior on our [iPray page](#).

Friday, March 26th. All proceeds go to help residents on Medicaid.

You can find a link to the Silent Auction hosted on Facebook here: [Spring into Action](#) to assist Orchard Ridge Medicare residents.

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## We Need You! Welcome Committee Plea



The search is on ... Ushers & Greeters are needed Sunday mornings to help make all who enter our doors feel

welcome. We want everyone to feel like they're old friends who are "welcomed home with love"! Whether you can be a greeter once in a while, weekly, once a month or as a stand by, we need you!

Please leave your name either with the office or email Karen Welts at [karen@welts.net](mailto:karen@welts.net) or call 208-667-5606 and leave a message.

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## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Overcoming stories are not just in the Old Testament. We find stories of our overcoming ... faith in so many places. Pastor Craig saved the best for last - you must listen to hear the rest of the story - [Overcoming Week 7](#).

Carley continues with Joseph's story and the theme: Trusting in God. This week she retells how Joseph was sold into slavery ... by his brothers! Listen to Carley's [Children's message](#).

Many thanks to Blake Miller, our tech coordinator, and our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

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## Post Worship Zoom

Pastor Craig hosts a prayer session each Sunday at the conclusion of our regular 9 am service. You can find the link on our website home page, in Pastor Craig's weekly Digital Check-in, and right here ...

[Zoom Prayer Service](#)



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## Church News

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### Our Committees Calling for Volunteers



Your church committees are hard at work and could use your help. Can you serve on one of our Ministry teams as a volunteer?

If you'd like to volunteer to serve on any committee take a look at our [Elders & Deacons](#) page - scroll to the bottom and you'll find the [team lead for each committee](#). There are opportunities for you to serve in many ways!

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### Job Posting

Custodian / Groundskeeper

We are once again searching for a new Custodian/Groundskeeper. This is a full-time, hourly position which reports directly to the Church Administrator and is accountable to the Building and Grounds Team and to the Session of the church. If you know of someone interested in this position, check out the full details on **Indeed:** [Custodian/Groundskeeper](#).

### Scheduling Meetings



Many groups have long-standing meetings in various rooms at the church. Once you plan to return, please check

with the office to confirm your meeting location and time. Chris and Emily will update the calendar to make sure everything is up-to-date for you.

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### Family Promise Of North Idaho

Request from Chris & Eric Fehr

We continue our search for a couple or several singles to take on the job of this fulfilling role. Please contact either Eric & Chris Fehr or the church office if interested. Chris & Eric Fehr 208-929-2099

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### Thank You 1st Pres!



At CDAIDE, we dearly value our relationship with First Presbyterian

Church. A sizable portion of individual financial contributions, as well as volunteers, come from church members and attenders of First Pres! The church staff also supports CDAIDE with printing and other needs. Your generosity has been especially evident during the pandemic.

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### Connections of Care

Stay connected with

your [Connections of Care Group](#).

Please call the office if you have any questions about your group or how to get started with a new Connection of Care Group.



Thank you for being our champions and for your heart for our local restaurant and hospitality workers!

Rebecca Smith, Board Chair, CDAIDE

## February Schedule

### Sundays

9 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & online. Social distancing with masks required at all times.

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

## Children & Family Ministry



### Coming Soon

#### **New Scholarship Program: Adventures in Caring**

The Children and Family Team will launch a program that will give children receiving a scholarship to go to summer camp the opportunity to help others through acts of kindness! A letter explaining the program will soon be sent out. Look for details coming next month.

#### **Adventure Kids' Club Spring Session**

We will be opening up the spring session registration in mid-February. We will be studying Jesus' life and ministry. The dates will be April 7th, April 21st, May 5th, May 19th, June 2nd. We will end with a party on June 16th! We will meet from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

#### **Save the Date - Rocky Railways VBS 2021**

VBS will be held at 1st Pres July 12th through July 16th. Mark your calendars now!



February 14, 2021  
[Children's Devotion with Carley](#)

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I hope you all have an amazing week. I am praying for you and your children. Please reach out with specific prayer requests, questions, or concerns.

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

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## Youth Ministry

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# Confirmation

### Bi-Weekly Confirmation Details

- Expect an email from Pastor Craig with updates, expectations and assignments.
- Both in-person (as allowed by local health guidance and Session decisions) in Youth Room at 1stPres and/or on Zoom.
- If coming in-person, please wear a mask and enter through Lakeside entrance of church.
- If joining via Zoom, come in at 6:00 pm, have your handout downloaded and ready. Zoom meeting information was sent in a separate email from Pastor Craig.

We are excited to journey towards confirmation with any interested middle or high schooler! Please reach out to Pastor Craig, or Tyler & Kierstie Renninger if you have any questions!

Learn more about our Youth Program on [Youth](#) on 1stPresdowntown.org

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## Groups & Gatherings

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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. Thank you for staying positive, and please test negative!