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Blog of the Week

Carley Walker



Learning to Share

By now many of you have probably heard that the NIC Children's Center will be utilizing some of the 1st Pres campus for their operation after experiencing the devastating loss of their building use located at the NIC campus. The building was heavily damaged by falling trees during the windstorm last month. If that weren't enough, the falling trees caused the sprinkler system ... [Read More](#)

Welcome NIC Children's Center!



Members of the Session have approved the use of our facility by the North Idaho College Children's Center through May 14th of this year. The NIC Children's Center sustained significant damage in the mid-January windstorm, rendering their facility inoperable for the time being.

The NIC Children's Center staff and families will mainly use Krueger Hall, upstairs of the Hunter Building, the kitchen, and gym from 6:30 am through 5:30 pm Monday - Friday. This is a huge opportunity for the 1st Pres family to show some much needed love to NIC students and their young children.

If you need to schedule meetings at the church, please contact the office. We do still have space for your group to meet, but we would ask you to coordinate with the office

so that your group has the space and technology it needs for a successful meeting.

This Week

Sunday Service in our Sanctuary & Online!

We welcome the congregation back into the Sanctuary starting this Sunday, Feb 7th. We will limit seating to 75 in the Sanctuary. Overflow seating will be available in Krueger Hall. Masks are required. You can also view services on [our YouTube channel here](#) anytime.

Holy Communion This Sunday

We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday, February 7th. If you'll be attending in person, individual communion cups will be available. If worshiping at home, please come prepared with your communion elements.



Need to Schedule a Meeting at the Church?



You may schedule any meetings at the church but to do so, please be sure to work with the office to confirm your space is available. The rooms available weekdays through May 14th are the Conference Room and the Fireside Room. Krueger Hall and the Lakeside Room are available during the evening (after 5:30 pm weekdays). If you'd like a hybrid meeting to accommodate those in-person and on Zoom, please let the office/Bonnie know so appropriate technology equipment is available for you. Following local health guidelines, in-person group meetings must be limited to no more than 10.

Hosting Ecumenical Kitchen February 4th



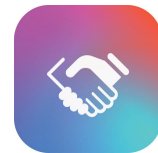
It's this week! 1st Pres will be connecting with our community by hosting the Ecumenical

Kitchen lunch **this Thursday, February 4th**. We need volunteers to prepare and serve. The team lead is Bev Rasor, and continue to provide bag lunches to reduce potential COVID exposure.

Please contact Bev or the church office to find out how you can help.

Greeters & Ushers Needed!

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 or call 208-667-5606 and leave a message.

Our Committees

All are 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!

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. We will still be active volunteers as will many others and are happy to answer any questions. God bless you and the families we serve. Please contact either Eric & Chris Fehr or the church office if interested.

Chris and Eric Fehr 208-929-2099
Church office: 208-667-8446

Learn more about [Family Promise of North Idaho](#)

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

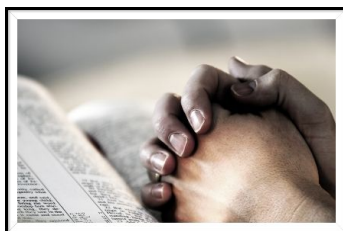
Did you know that early Christians called themselves 'The Way'? Listen for the first time or again - it's definitely worth your time: [Overcoming Week 5](#).

Carley posed a very important question in her message this week: How can we live out our purpose? She continues with the story of the life and times of Sampson. You can find Carley's entire [Children's message](#) here.



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](#)



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](#)

Church News

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.

2021 Per Capita

Per Capita for 2021 is \$36 per person.

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

Rebecca Smith, Board Chair, CDAIDE

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](#).

Encouraging Our Confirmation Students

Please continue to encourage our 1stPres Middle School and High School Students on their Confirmation



Journey. Funds will be used to purchase gift card rewards for hitting milestones along the way.

You can give to our youth by going to our online giving portal or by sending your donation to the church office.

February Schedule

Sundays

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

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS
Praise Team Rehearsals

Children & Family Ministry

I hope you are all staying healthy and safe and I am praying for



you and your families daily! Please reach out if you have specific prayer needs or if you think of a way we can support you better! We have one more Adventure Kids session which finalizes the current series - **February 3rd.**

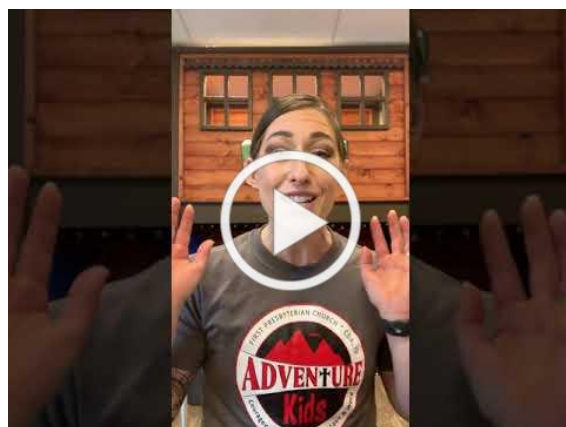
Coming Soon

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 be soon 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.



January 31, 2021
[Children's Devotion with Carley](#)

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 or 208-215-5337

Youth Ministry

Confirmation

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](https://www.1stPresdowntown.org/youth) on [1stPresdowntown.org](https://www.1stPresdowntown.org)

Groups & Gatherings



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!