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Blog of the Week

Chris Gray



Patience

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

Waiting is one of God’s tools to get our attention. In some ways, the Bible’s title could be The Great Wait. The cast of characters could be the Great Waiters.

... [Read More](#)

This Week

Sunday Service Online Only

Find [our YouTube channel here](#) to watch services anytime.

2021 Annual Meeting

January 31st



Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar! Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 31st

immediately following the 9 am service. It

Hosting Ecumenical Kitchen

February 4th



1st Pres has the privilege of connecting with our community by hosting the Ecumenical Kitchen lunch on February 4th. We need volunteers to

prepare and serve. The team lead by Bev

will be hosted on Zoom so you will need to leave the service on YouTube and join on Zoom. The link is available in the eNews and in Pastor Craig's Digital Check-in.

Annual Meeting: [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 811 9673 5650

Passcode: 571497

Our Committees Calling for Volunteers



This new year has begun with your church committees hard at work. This Session includes new committee chairs and your help is always welcome!

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!

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](#).

Sunday's Service Watch again or for the 1st time!

Can we demonstrate what the bond of grace looks like?

Rasor has decided to continue to provide bag lunches to reduce potential exposure.

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

Family Promise Of North Idaho Request from Chris & Eric Fehr

We are writing this letter to thank you for your help with Family Promise over the years. We are also writing to let you know that we will be stepping down as hosting coordinators effective January 1, 2021. We are searching for a couple or several singles to take on the job we have been doing. If you are interested in fulfilling this role, please contact us or the church office. We will still be active volunteers as will many others. We are happy to answer any questions. God bless you and the families we serve. Please contact the church or the Fehrs' directly.

Chris and Eric Fehr 208-929-2099

Church office: 208-667-8446

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

For those of you wondering, the Per Capita for 2021 is \$36 per person.



Overcoming

Pastor Craig continues with the story of Daniel and his friends and how they are bound and thrown in the furnace for defying the king. They risked their very lives by choosing God. Don't miss Sunday's service:

[Overcoming Week 3.](#)

Carley begins her message talking about purpose and tells a riddle posed by Sampson for the guests of his wedding. It's a complicated story that she'll continue telling. Find Carley's [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-Service Prayer Zoom Link

Pastor Craig continues to host 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! [Prayer Service Zoom Link](#)

Church News

THANK YOU!

WELCOME!

Thank you to all of our 2020 Session members for their hard work and dedication in leading our church. At the last Session meeting of the year, there were many thanks and kind farewells to those Session members who graduated in 2020. New Session Members will be officially installed at our Congregational meeting on January 31.

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.



January Schedule

Sundays

9 am Worship Service ONLINE only
Post-Worship [Zoom Prayer Time](#)

[Jan 31 Annual Congregational Meeting](#)

Annual Meeting: [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 811 9673 5650

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Thursdays

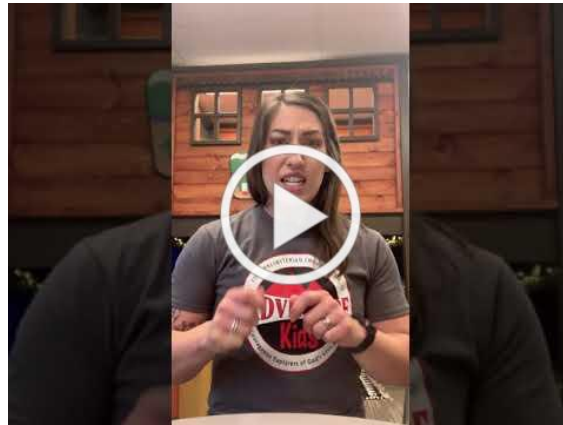
Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Children & Family Ministry



Reminders:

- Adventure Kids has two more sessions in the current series. We are extending the dates to make up for weeks that were missed due to illness. If you have been attending please mark the following dates on your calendar: **January 20th and February 3rd.**
- If you missed out on the fall session of Adventure Kids' Club, please consider joining us for the spring session. There will be more details to follow but the new session will begin on April 7th and go up until school ends with the last session being a celebration on June 2nd.



January 17, 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

Middle School and High School Ministry Winter 2020-Spring 2021



Attention Families
 with Youth Group Aged Kids!

Do You Have Time For Fun
 With Our Youth?

Does your family have a middle or high schooler who is not participating in confirmation but would love to be connected to our youth team? If yes, please send us an email with the following information:

Name

School & Grade

Address

Email

The Youth Team is looking for adult volunteers to join us in our mission supporting youth. If you would like information on how to get involved, please contact Tyler or Kierstie Renninger.

T: tylerdrenninger@gmail.com or
208-819-0090

K: ksrenninger@gmail.com or
208-651-4204

Our team is getting creative with fun ways to stay connected!

Bi-Weekly 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! This will be an incredible season! Please reach out to Pastor Craig, or Tyler & Kierstie Renninger if you have any questions!



Confirmation Details

Pastor Craig has joined forces with the Youth Team to come up with a plan to offer all Middle School and High School

students an in-depth walk through what Christians say, do, and believe; which our tradition calls Confirmation. Bi-weekly Wednesday gatherings will be led by Pastor Craig and other adult volunteers. There will also be a schedule of just-for-fun hangout times. Each student will be surrounded by direct

support from adult church members and mentors as well as have direct access to Pastor Craig and the volunteers for whatever they're dealing with. Parents will be supported as well so they feel equipped to reinforce at home what's learned at church. There will be some fun incentives to keep students checked-in and up-to-date. At the end of this experience will be a weekend Spring Retreat, an all-expense-paid Summer weekend at Silverwood, and a 'rite of passage' faith experience in the Spring that is modeled after a 'prayer walk' experience.

Schedule

Sundays

Wednesdays

Due to guidance from our Session, we are back to recording the Sunday Worship services. Produced by our Tech Coordinator, Blake Miller, the service first airs at 9:00 am Sundays. You can also watch at any convenient time on our [YouTube channel](#).

Youth usually meet every Wednesday. Switching each week between Pastor Craig one week, a fun evening with Kierstie and Tyler Renninger the next week. Watch your email for the most current schedule.

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!

