



This Week's eNews

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Blog of the Week

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We have only to look in our pockets or purses to discover the wad of keys or “fobs” we carry that are the telltale signs of change in our lives. Our homes, our cars, our recreational vehicles, lockers and safe deposit boxes forever portray the current state of our journey. ... [Read More](#)



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This Week

Serving Ecumenical Lunch

Thursday,
February 1



1st Pres is serving our Ecumenical Kitchen guests the first Thursday in February. One week from this Thursday! Look for the sign-up sheet in Krueger Hall.

Family Ministries We Need Your Feedback!



Hello families! The Family Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who has shared thoughts with our team, and those who participated in the fall listening session. All of your

feedback has helped guide our team and ministry offerings for the coming year.

We are considering an addition to our summer outreach this year, and would like to know what your family would be most excited for and likely to participate in. Our team will consider all feedback given, and move forward with the option that fits with the majority of hopes of our families. [Share your thoughts!](#)

Notice

Annual Congregational Meeting

February 4 | 10 am



Congregational Meeting

After a joint classic and contemplative service at 9 am on February 4th, we will be holding our

annual Congregational meeting. All are welcome.



Sunday's Service

We welcomed Pastor Lauren Taylor this past week.
Listen to her inspiring message!

[Watch Now](#)

General News

Now Hiring Choir Director

Do you have experience in directing choirs? Do you know someone who is a talented musician with a conducting background who would be a great fit for our Choir Director position? We are looking for someone to be part of our worship music program as director of our chancel and bell choirs. Send resumes or questions to [Becky Clegg](#) (HR) and please pray that God will bring the right person to our congregation.



[Job Description](#) | [Posting on Indeed](#)

Amazon Wishlist

1st Pres Neighborhood Closet

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

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](#)
[Sermon-Based Small Groups](#)
[Sunday Morning Bible Study](#)
[Women's Circles](#)

Hosting Family Promise Successful Week

This past week we hosted a family of two, a father and daughter. It was a joy to serve them and our prayers go with them as they find their way to a new home and peace in their lives. We were pleased that Pastor Joel from DOXA and his wife Estie made a meal for the families one evening and we hope to have more DOXA congregants help serve!

Another family of three was slated to join us but after just one week in the program they were offered a job with housing! What great news. They have asked to continue in the after-care program offered by Family Promise which helps with stabilization as the family transitions into their new, sustainable future.

We are appreciative of all the volunteers who step up on a regular basis and we are blessed to have some fresh faces volunteering. Our next hosting is March.



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

Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary
10:30 am Bible Study

DOXA Service 11 am in gym

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch
ARMS Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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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