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**Blog of the Week**

Kent Kimball



**My New Year's Resolution**

This time of year it seems that everyone has a new goal, a resolution. Sometimes I get conflicting directions about how to develop a goal. Make it big! Shoot for the stars, and if I miss my goal, I may still hit the moon! Others say the opposite: make the goal small, reasonable, manageable, attack the goal in tiny bits and pieces. So I now have two issues to wrestle with: 1) what should my new ... [Read More](#)



**This Week**



**Sunday Service Online Only**

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

**Installation of  
New Session Members**

January 3, 2020

**Flight 2021**

Welcome to Flight 2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your positive attitude and gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, and resentment



We had the pleasure of welcoming and installing our new Session members and Deacons this past Sunday, January 3rd.

#### **Class of 2023 Session Members**

Matt Broadway  
Rob Buckham  
Carolyn Keefer  
Larry Kettle  
Donna Schwandt  
Yvette Wyatt

#### **Class of 2023 Deacons**

Cheryl Broadway  
Pat Dingman  
Paula Lyon  
Jamie Park  
Megan Reagen  
Ellen Taylor

should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your positive attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by faith. Once your faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be no baggage allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination GREATNESS!

Wishing you a New Year Filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS.

Stay blessed as you welcome in 2021!



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### **Sunday's Service**

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Pastor Craig is using the Book of Daniel as inspiration for our new message series, Overcoming. This is a six week journey which will help us understand how God equips us to be Overcomers. If you missed Sunday's service or want to watch again click here: [Overcoming Week 1](#).

Carley started the year with a message about resolutions. As always, this is not to be missed! Listen to Carley's [Children's message](#) to learn more.

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](#)



**Church News**



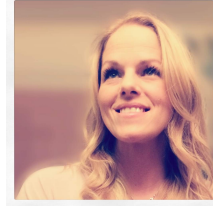
## Advent Devotional for 2020 Goes through January 6th



This lovely devotional takes us through Epiphany, January 6th. [Let Us Light](#)

[Candles: Matthew 25 and the work of Advent](#) .

## CDAIDE Annie's Story



With Covid-19 forcing the restaurant I worked at to close suddenly, I wasn't sure how we were going to make ends meet. I received a call from CDAIDE stating that I was referred for aid. I couldn't believe it! Our car payment was overdue and the shutdown meant my wages were put on hold. After assessing our situation, CDAIDE helped us save our car from an impending repossession. I am so grateful to CDAIDE and their generosity! I hope to give back in the future to the organization that so selflessly helps others. Thank you CDAIDE!

## 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.



**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.

## January Schedule

**Jan 31** Annual Congregational Meeting

### Sundays

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

[1st Pres Calendar](#)

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS  
Praise Team Rehearsals

## Children & Family





Things are pretty quiet around the church this week but I wanted to remind you of a few things!

- We have all been given access to RightNow Media as a gift from the Church. It is a great resource for wholesome content (think Christian Netflix).
- There are wonderful resources and short devotionals to support your family's faith formation during the week. If you would like to have free access to RightNow Media (RNM), simply reach out to me and I can help get you set up!
- Adventure Kids has three 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 6th, 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 3, 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





## Attention Families with Youth Group Aged Kids!

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

## Do You Have Time For Fun With Our Youth?

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](mailto:tylerdrenninger@gmail.com) or  
208-819-0090

K: [ksrenninger@gmail.com](mailto:ksrenninger@gmail.com) or  
208-651-4204

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

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## 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-

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

fun hangout times. Each student will be surrounded by direct

Spring that is modeled after a 'prayer walk' experience.

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## Schedule

### Sundays

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](#).

### Wednesdays

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!

