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### Blog of the Week

Chris Gray



#### The Cross Room

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly, and the burden I give you is light."  
*Matthew 11:28*

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## This Week

### Hosting Ecumenical Kitchen

April 1



1st Pres will be hosting the Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch on Thursday, April 1. No foolin'!

### Family Promise Thanks You!

Teri Burch reported this past Sunday that the recent hosting week in a static location came off without a hitch! She expressed thanks to those who provided assistance and told of a hopeful outlook for the coming year.

We continue to provide healthy bag lunches for our guests for the time being. We share the kitchen with the NIC

It's expected that we will continue with the static location model through our next

Children's Center and it's working out brilliantly.

hosting time in May. We're praying that we will once again be in the church where we can provide a more personal experience, possibly in September.

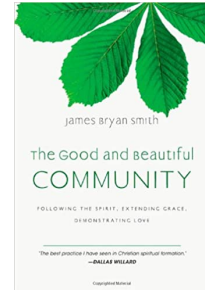


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## The Good & Beautiful Community

Starts March 24th - May 19th  
7 pm, Zoom

Katie and George Sayler will lead the discussion of this well-regarded book on Christian spiritual formation, the third in the series by James Bryan Smith.



**Dates:** March 24, April 7, 21 and May 5, 19

**Time:** 7 pm

**Where:** Zoom meeting

**Sign-up:** Call the church office

Purchase the book yourself or order it through the church office. Hope to see you there!

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### CDAIDE Scholarships For Summer Camp & Activities

The children's activity scholarship program is available to any hospitality worker who lives or works in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, or Hayden. To provide extra-curricular programs and/or camp for their child, and needs financial assistance for these opportunities.

Please pass this information on to anyone you may know who could benefit from this program. Please email [CDAIDE](#) if you have questions.

To apply for a scholarship, please visit: [CDAIDE Scholarship Application](#)

### 38th Annual Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway August 2021

This year, the Deacons will continue to focus on elementary-aged children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) and their clothing needs. Perhaps you or someone you know has some gently used children's clothing to pass on. If you are a yard-sale person or a thrift-store shopper, please consider purchasing children's items for our clothing giveaway. If you would rather donate funds and let a deacon do the shopping, that is an option as well. Deacons ask that all items be cleaned and in good shape. Drop them in a bag with a dryer sheet and they'll stay fresh-smelling and please label the bag "clean".



Thank you in advance for your continued



support and for donations already starting to come in!

## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



God of wisdom and light, reveal yourself to us! This Sunday, Pastor Craig focused on Jesus as teacher. He introduced us to Irish hymn writer and poet, [Cecil Frances Alexander](#) who wrote 'Jesus Calls Me O're the Tumult'. Hear the whole story here: [Great Songs of Jesus](#).

Listen. Trust. Obey. There is a plan! Carley wraps up Joseph's story this weeks as he ultimately welcome's his family. Listen to the final installment of Joseph's story: [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](#)

## 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

### Orchard Ridge Spring Auction

Supporting the Resident Relief Fund

**Next Week**



This year, the Orchard Ridge Annual Spring Tea is

an online auction. Jump online and support the Resident Relief Fund which helps residents who no longer have the means to pay for their care. The auction runs Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26th. All proceeds go to help

### Knitting for Warmth is Back!

Starting April 9th, our wonderful knitters will be once again be meeting at the church!



Stand by for more details or contact Carolyn Peterson directly at 208.818.0323.

### Job Posting

Custodian / Groundskeeper

residents on Medicaid.

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

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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.

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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](#).

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## The Children's Center Can Use Our Help

From the Director, Jolie Wenglikowski

The Children's center has a few needs we can help with:

- Full-size crib sheet to cover their nap mats, they still need about 40.
- Sporting equipment, such as balls, foam bats, hula hoops, cones, etc. for use in the gym and then outside when the weather improves.



Please reach out to [Jolie](#) or call the church office if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off at the church office, please call ahead of time to make sure someone is there to greet you.

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](#).

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## 2021 Lent Devotional Praying with Scripture During Lent



To access your Lent Devotional please click this link [2021 Lent Devotional](#) provided by The Presbyterian Outlook.

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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

# March Schedule

## Sundays

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

## Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch  
Kitchen  
ARMS

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

March 28, online & in Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday

April 1, 7 pm  
online & in Sanctuary

### Good Friday

April 2  
Online Only All Day

### Easter Sunday

April 4  
9 am & 11 am  
online & in Sanctuary

## Children & Family Ministry



### Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

**Please let me know if you would like an at-home kit by Wednesday, March 17th**

It is hard to believe Palm Sunday and Easter are right around the corner! We want to be conscientious about providing both at-home and in-person Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday experiences. This will take a little planning on our part! We will be having our normal palm parade during the 9 am service on March 28th. For families who do not feel comfortable coming to the in-person service, we would still like you to participate!

We are creating Palm and Easter Sunday Worship Kits for your family. They will contain palms for you to wave right with us on Sunday morning. They will also contain a family Easter study and supplies for the wonderful project we will be doing at church on Easter Sunday. **We need to know who would like a kit sent to their home! This is only for families who will not be attending on Palm or Easter Sunday.** If you do receive a kit we would LOVE it if you would take a short recording of your children waving their palms for us to display on the big screen while the Palm Parade is taking place on Palm Sunday. Please contact Carley ASAP if you need the kit!

### Adventure Kids' Club Registration Is Open!

We have 12 children registered for Adventure Kids' Club so far! We have enough space for 20 children so sign up soon! For information and to sign up for the spring session go here:

[Kid's Club Registration](#)

## Adventures in Caring

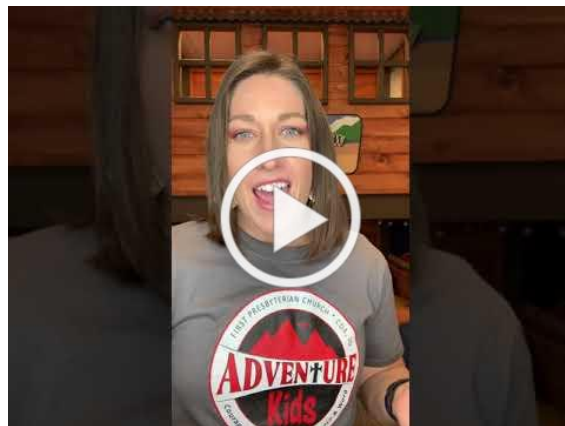
The Children and Family team is excited to offer you and your child/children an exciting way to receive a scholarship for camp this summer. In keeping with our “Love First” message, we would like to provide a way for your child/children to share the love of Christ with others in the community. This project is called Adventures in Caring. Please reach out if you did not receive a letter and would like further information

## Sunday School and Nursery Care on Sunday Mornings at 1st Pres

We are back worshipping together at 1st Pres! Masks are required for anyone over three years old. We would love to see you and your family. We have nursery care for the littlest congregants and Sunday school for the older children. The Sunday school messages are linked to the YouTube videos, so make sure your child is catching up on our current series if you do not feel comfortable coming to the church in person just yet. [Children's Messages](#)

## Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- Palm Parade Sunday, March 28th during the 9 am service.
- Registration for Adventure Kids' Club spring session opens March 1st.
- Adventure Kids' Club spring session begins on April 7th and will be held every other Wednesday until June 7th (with a celebration on the 16th).
- VBS July 12th through the 16th
- 1st Pres Lutherhaven Camp Week August 8th through the 16th.



March 7, 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

# Youth Ministry

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