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**Blog of the Week**

Craig Catlett

**God's Pain, God's Love**

As we celebrate Easter together, perhaps we can reflect for just a moment on the fact that not only does God love us, but he feels pain and grieves for us as well.



In Genesis 6:5-8 we read how the "Lord saw how great man's wickedness on earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his... [Read More](#)

**This Week**

**Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 1 at 7 pm  
 In-person & Online



Good Friday, we know. And Easter most certainly. But what is Maundy Thursday? It is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated

**Good Friday All Day**

Anytime on our [YouTube Channel](#)



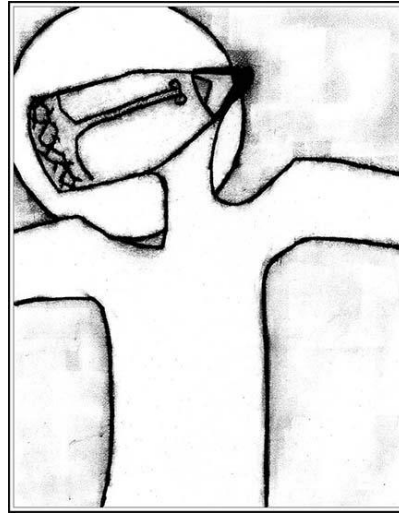
Please join us *anytime* Good Friday, April 2, on our YouTube channel for the choral presentation of 'The Seven Last Words of Christ' composed by Theodore Dubois. Under the direction of Kent Kimball and performed by the 1st Pres Chorale &

his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.

### What Does Maundy Thursday Mean?

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday - "maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated: *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* ([John 13:34](#)). Read the entire article [here](#).

Orchestra, this meaningful music tells the story of Christ's final day.



### Holy Week Daily Devotion

Visit our [Facebook page](#) to find daily devotions for the whole family for this Holy Week. You can also find them on our [YouTube Channel](#).

### Hosting Ecumenical Kitchen

This Week  
April 1

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



We continue to provide healthy bag lunches for our guests for the time being. We share the kitchen with the NIC Children's Center and it's working out brilliantly.

### Christ Care Resource Books & Materials Available

Recently, a "wealth" of study guides, commentaries, DVD's, song books etc. purchased over the years specifically for individual and small group study was discovered. They were "hiding" in the basement!

They are FREE for your use as individuals or as a group study! They are on specifically marked shelves in the Fireside Room and will remain there through the month of April. Anything remaining after April will be donated to our area charitable organizations.

### OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 5

The office will be closed, Monday, April 5th to give the staff a well-deserved break.



## Mother's Day Flower Basket Fundraiser 2021

We are thrilled to announce that our annual "Children and Family Mother's Day Flower Basket Fundraiser" is back! We are offering a gorgeous variety of mixed floral baskets, as well as Geraniums in orange, pink, and red. The baskets cost \$36 each with 100% of the proceeds going to camp scholarships for our very own 1st Pres kids!

**To Order:** Either call the office, email [Carley](#) or call her at 208.215.5337, or call Jeannie Logozzo at 425.359.6307. Last year we ran out, so get your orders in soon!

**Pick-up:** Baskets will be available for pick up at the church on Tuesday, May 4th from 10 am to 4 pm. If the weather is nice, we will be on the grass outside of the gym, if the weather is rainy, we will be inside. (we will be following county-mandated safety requirements).

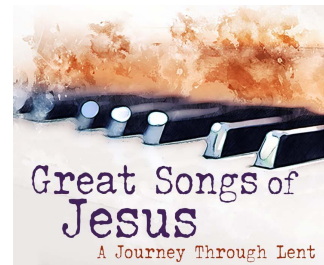
**Payment:** You can prepay for your flower baskets by sending a check to the church or paying through our secure online payment portal located [here](#) . Prepaying will ensure a quick checkout process on pickup day, however, you can absolutely pay when you pick your basket up if that works best for you!

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### Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling. Can you help but smile when you think of that hymn? This was the focal hymn of this past week's message when Pastor Craig spoke of sacrifice, atonement and the gift that brought wholeness and healing : [Great Songs of Jesus](#).



The story of Palm Sunday and how Jesus entered Jerusalem is retold along with the backstory! Listen to the whole story: [Carley's Children's message](#).

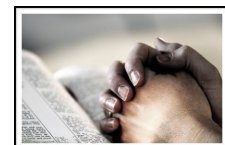
Many thanks to Blake Miller, our tech coordinator, and our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

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Post Worship Zoom

### Suspended for Easter Sunday



Due to the two services on Easter Sunday, we won't be holding the post-worship Zoom on April 4th.

## Knitting for Warmth is Back!



Starting next Friday, April 9th, our wonderful knitters will once again be meeting at the church! Stand by for more details or contact Carolyn Peterson directly at 208.818.0323.

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

The *Just Between Friends Spring Sale* at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds is April 9-11! This is a great source for purchasing items for our clothing giveaway! Contact Diane Wakkinen or Barb Prober for details.



Don't forget, we're focusing on elementary-aged children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) and their clothing needs. New or gently used, we'll take it all.

All donations should 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". You can also let the Deacons do your shopping by making a direct donation through our [Giving Portal](#), select Deacons and make your designation in the open field.

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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](#)

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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.

## Holy Week

### Sundays

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

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

**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

What an exciting time of year for the church! We get to celebrate the fact that Jesus loved us so radically that he willingly died on the cross to save each of us. We get to celebrate that he rose again and is waiting for us even now. What a special time of year for believers all over the globe!

Don't forget to watch our daily devotion posted on our Facebook page!



### Important Request

We would love to see pictures of your Resurrection Gardens as they grow! We'd to share these on Easter Sunday and the week after.

### Schedule and Childcare Information

#### Easter Sunday:

Services at 9 am and 11 am. Childcare will be provided for children Kindergarten and younger. Children in 1st grade and older will participate in the worship service with their families.

### 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.

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## 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

- Registration for Adventure Kids' Club spring session opened 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 28, 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

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# Youth Ministry

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# 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

## 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!