



This Week's eNews

November 28, 2023

Blog of the Week

Jenny Shotwell

Halloween has ended and ...
Christmas has begun?

That's certainly what it feels
like! Just two days ago I
turned on local radio station
98.1 and sure enough

Christmas music was playing! But wait, what about
Thanksgiving?!? By the time you're reading this
Thanksgiving will be a memory, but from where I
sit right now, [Read More](#)



Important Links

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This Week

This Saturday

Christmas Party & Chili Cookoff

December 2 | 5:30 pm | 1st Pres Gym

It's time to pull out your best
recipes! Is it Chili or Mac n'
Cheese? Let's get cookin'!

Mark your calendars and think
about your most delicious chili or
macaroni and cheese recipes to
share. Salad, cornbread,
beverages and dessert will be
provided.

FOOD

Sign-up in Krueger Hall or you
can [sign-up here to bring chili or
mac 'n cheese](#)

Schuler Hall, NIC Campus

Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 3 | 3 pm

Please join the
Music
Conservatory of
Coeur d'Alene as
they present



Handel's Messiah at the Schuler Performing
Arts Center at North Idaho College (NIC)
this Sunday at 3 pm. **Purchase tickets** [here](#).

Now Hiring

Office Assistant / Receptionist

The Office Assistant/Church Receptionist
(OA/R) is the initial contact for members of
the congregation, volunteers, guests,

CHILDREN ATTENDING

Tell us how many children will be attending with you so we can plan for gifts
[sign-up here](#)



visitors, and others who call or enter the Church during business hours. This is a part-time, non-exempt hourly position.

[Full Job Description on Indeed](#)

Ecumenical Kitchen 1st Pres is Serving Lunch December 7

Join us as we serve
our Ecumenical Lunch
guests on December



7th. Sign-up in Krueger Hall or call the office to see how you can help. Lunch begins at 11:30 and continues until 12:30-ish.

Holy Communion This Sunday

We are celebrating communion this Sunday. If you are worshipping from home, please be sure to gather your elements before the service begins.



Update Sermon-based Small Groups



Sermon-based Small Groups are underway! Five groups are currently active and have begun discussion of Pastor McLane's questions. A sixth group starts in January.

Additional facilitators are prepared to host groups that will start in early 2024. There are two couples who would like a Friday night group but they are waiting for a facilitator. It has been exciting to see established groups dive into the sermons and questions.

Each of the new small groups is composed of up to 12 participants, including the

Community Outreach Homegrown Christmas December 16 | 3 pm



As a way of thanking the congregation for its support this year, the Community Outreach Team is hosting a festive celebration in Krueger Hall. There will be acoustic music performed by our very own Matt Broadway, Tom Richards, Dan Brown, Tyler Renninger and Dana Hallin. The festivities begin at 3 pm on Saturday, December 16th.

If you're not already in the spirit, this is sure to move you in that direction.



Food Drive
Fill the Pack
Through November 30th

[Amazon Wish List](#)

Feeding Our Community Turkey Drive 2023

You can contribute to the Turkey Fund at any time. Your incredible



facilitators/facilitator. If you would like to join one of the new groups or become a facilitator, contact any of the Adult Discipleship team members to find the group that would match your schedule.

Sermons and questions are posted on our website under [Ministries](#), then click on [Grow](#) where you'll find links to the Small-group content as well as other Adult Discipleship opportunities.

Blessings

Dan Brown, Ann Smart, Teri Burch and Caleb Thompson



Sunday's Service

What is justice in the eyes of God? Join us Sunday as we explore the call to seek justice in a broken world?

[Watch Now](#)

General News

Retiring

Emily Rogers

December



Emily Rogers, one of our wonderful Administrative Assistants, has decided to retire this December. Emily has been a faithful smile and source of all information here in the office for the past 9 years, and she will be dearly missed.

Emily and Tom are looking forward to being retired together and celebrating

this next season of their lives. Emily plans to continue as an active member of 1st Pres and being able to participate in the life of the church in new ways.

I know I speak for the entire staff and many others in the church in saying a huge thank you to Emily for keeping all of our ducks in a row, our calendars organized, and our endless questions answered. We will miss you in the office and thankfully we will still be able to see you often.

Getting Connected

Small Groups

Learn about how to grow and connect at 1st Pres.

In Memory

Laura Brown

November 15, 2023

Laura Brown, wife of Dan Brown and

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](#)

Mission Team

International Mission Trip

November Update

As Believers, sometimes we ponder the work we are doing for God's glory. Are we having the right impact in a way that ...

[Read the Entire Report](#)



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 where our prayers should be directed.

daughter of Dave and Jo Teater, passed into Jesus' loving arms on November 15th. Pray for peace and comfort for Dan, and their children, Gavin, Danielle, David, and Jennifer and for Dave and Jo as they mourn their loss.

In Memory

Margaret Ann Christian

November 9, 2023



Margaret Ann

Christian passed away quietly in her sleep on November 9th. Please pray for comfort for her family.

New Location

Men's Thursday Fellowship

11:30 am | Kreuger Hall

Due to uncomfortably cool temperatures at the Iron Horse restaurant, our Thursday Men's Fellowship group is moving back to Krueger Hall starting November 30th.

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

Men's Fellowship

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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