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This Week's eNews

October 13, 2026

Blog of the Week

McLane Stone

Most of us can name the moment First Presbyterian became ours. Maybe it was at a baptism, or around a casserole at a Sunday potluck. Maybe a Sunday school teacher learned your name, or you walked in as a visitor, and someone saved you a seat. However it happened, none ... Read More

Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

Church Calendar

1st Pres on Facebook

Giving

Prayer Requests

1st Pres on YouTube

Community Outreach

Souport the End of Homelessness

October 15th | 11:30 - 1 pm
North Idaho Fairground

Souport the End of Homelessness
St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho

Souport the End of Homelessness is St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho's signature fall fundraising event, where local "chefs" donate and serve their favorite soups while hundreds of community members gather to taste, vote for their favorites, enjoy inspiring stories, and make a meaningful investment in hope.

Every bowl served and every ticket purchased helps provide emergency shelter, the Warming Center, housing, and compassionate support for neighbors experiencing homelessness and crisis.

Find all of the details here: Souport 2026

Community Outreach

Supporting Snacks & Transportation

Last Week

This is the final week of specifically supporting our fundraising to provide healthy snacks and gas for at-risk families. This effort supports the McKinney-Vento Program. The program helps remove barriers for students and families experiencing temporary, unstable, or inadequate housing.

Just because this specific drive is ending, you can always designate your giving to any program. Donate through our Giving Portal or drop your donation in the church office.

Junior Choir

Jubilate Returns!

October 18th | 10:15 - 10:45

Community Outreach could use your help to set up and clean up. If you're available, please contact **Krista Link**.

Missions

Communitas Giving Day

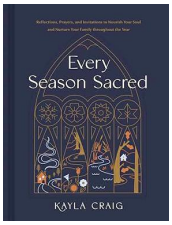
October 15th

As part of Craig & Lynn Sumey's ministry in Scotland, Communitas International is hosting a giving day on October 15th. Your gift will support Craig & Lynn in their role as field staff. On the 15th, please visit their page on the Communitas website to give securely online. **Craig & Lynn Sumey**

Courage to Connect | Women's Ministry

Every Season Sacred

join Us



We invite all women to join in our study of the book ***Every Season Sacred***. Read pages 11 - 88, then join us on November 7th for discussion and fellowship.

There is no cost for this event but you will need the book. It was distributed at the Spring event. We have a few copies in the office or you can order one yourself.
Register Here

Family Ministry

Join Our Sunday Morning Team

We are seeking a flexible, enthusiastic individual to join our team in a part-time, hourly role providing crucial backup support across all age groups — from our nursery and Sunday School up through youth group. Hours vary based on weekly ministry needs.

If you love working with kids of all ages and want to support our growing Family Ministry, we would love to hear from you! For more details or to express interest, please contact our **Director of Family Ministry**.

If you have a young one who loves to sing, dance, play instruments, or just enjoy musical fun, consider joining Jubilate on Sunday mornings at 10:15.

We meet upstairs in the Gathering Room on the 2nd floor of the Hunter Building for 30 minutes. We finish promptly at 10:45.

We'll make a boomwhacker band, a handbell choir, a triangle / tambourine / rhythm stick band. Nothing but fun!

If we get enough kids who can come regularly, we'll do offertories every now and then to show off our skills. This is definitely the definition of fun, all while learning as many standard Sunday School songs as we can. Hope to see your kiddos on the 18th.

Sunday's Service

John the Baptist had one message: the Kingdom of Heaven is near. The question is how you receive that news — with open hands or clenched fists. This past Sunday, we followed John's announcement from the wilderness to the river's edge and discovered

what it means to let go of what we trust so we can hold on to what God offers. **Watch Now**

General News

Scroll to the bottom of this week's eNews and find out what 1st Pres'ers are doing in the community!
We're adding new events all the time!

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Discipleship
WellSpring Fall Series
October - December | 6 pm

We turn to the Heidelberg Catechism — one of the historical confessions of the Presbyterian Church — as a guide for exploring the heart of the Christian faith.

Schedule:
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
1st Meeting: October 7th
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Sanctuary
Register Here: **Fall WellSpring**

The EarthCare Team has placed drop-off boxes in Krueger Hall for your AAA, AA, C and D cell batteries to be recycled. Additionally, plastic grocery and newspaper bags will be collected and dropped off at Winco. **Learn More**

Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets
Knitting For Warmth

You'll find a lovely selection of shawls & lap blankets in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

Getting Connected
Small Groups

Learn how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the **Discipleship page** on our website for a full list or use the links below.

Small Group Links
Men's Studies
Sermon-Based Small Groups
Women's Studies

Ongoing Giving

Be Aware

Community Service - Scam Information

It's important to be vigilant as phishing is part of our lives.

Pastor McLane will **NEVER** reach out to individuals asking for money or gift cards. This is a scam. Please ignore and report it to the office.

Sunday Parking

Parking at 1st Pres

Sundays | 8 am - 1 pm ONLY

1st Pres Parking Map

[Download a Full-size Map Here]

Feeding Families: Use a provided envelope or the [Giving Portal]. Choose Neighborhood Closet and designate Feeding Families in the description field.

My Registry

1st Pres Neighborhood Closet

You can help anytime by going [here]!

Fundraising for Belize Trip: Be sure to mark any donation 'Missions Trip'. [Donate]

Keep Collecting Those Pull Tabs!

Ronald McDonald House

Please save your pull tabs and place them in container at the in Krueger Hall! Participation in this ongoing fundraiser is always appreciated!

Those little pop tabs are worth $.62 a pound -S those little tabs amount to anywhere between $3000- $5000 a year for the Ronald McDonald House.

Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online
9:15-ish Sunday School
10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch
Chancel & Bell Choirs
Men's Bible Study

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Family Ministry

High School Youth

We're excited about our gathering for Grades 9–12**.** We meet on Sunday

Middle School Youth

We've launched a fresh format designed to help students, grades 6-8, build meaningful

evenings at 6:00 p.m. This time is designed just for high schoolers — a space to build community, share life together, and grow deeper in faith.

Expect meaningful conversations, plenty of laughter, and a chance to connect in a way that's real and life-giving. Bring a friend and be part of something new! Contact **Kierstie** if you have questions.

Opportunities for Youth to Serve

Middle & High Schoolers: We want to serve with you! Are you ready to jump in and use your gifts and talents to live our Love1st mission? Contact Kierstie to get connected with any of the opportunities below:

Middle & High School:

- Kids Zone Volunteer (between Sunday Services)
- Greeters @ Welcome Desk (Sunday Mornings)
- Scripture Readers (Sunday 9 am Service)

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Can you help on Sunday morning with our Sunday School program?

Sign-up Here
Access Code: Love1st

friendships, share laughter, and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

Except for the first Sunday of the month, when the youth are invited to participate in Communion, we'll be meeting, once dismissed, in the Youth Room.

Contact **Kierstie** if you have questions.

Get Involved!
Church Center
Download Now!

church center
by planning center

Families with infants to college kids, we'd love to have you join us in worship and fellowship throughout the year. Getting connected will give you the option to check-in/check-out for Sunday School, RSVP for upcoming events, and view our summer calendar all from the convenience of your phone! Download the Church Center app and get connected!

Download and join TODAY!

Off Campus Participation Waivers

For children and youth participating in any off campus church events, we **MUST** have a current participation waiver on file prior to the event. This includes special events like Tree to Tree, lake days, Confirmation, etc. Thank you!

2026 PARTICIPATION WAIVER

1st Pres in the Community
What We're Doing Around Town

Music

Who: Craig Catlett (with Rusty Jackson)
Where: **Osprey Restaurant**, Spokane
When: October 13, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Craig Catlett (Swing Set)
Where: **Valley Eagles**, Spokane
When: October 14, 2026 |7-10 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Divas!
Where: Hamilton Studio, Spokane
When: October 16 & 17, 2026 | 7 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Divas!
Where: Jacklin Art Center, Post Falls
When: October 23, 2026 | 7 pm

Who: Craig Catlett (with Rusty Jackson)
Where: **Valley Eagles**, Spokane
When: October 28, 2026 |7-10 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Eric Haakensen, Tom Richards (Bucket List)
Where: **Studio 107**, Coeur d'Alene
When: October 30, 2026 | 5-7 pm

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