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This Week's eNews

October 20, 2026

Blog of the Week

Steve Kurtz

For those who do not know me, I am Renee Kurtz's husband, Steve. For most of my professional career, I was in the public spotlight, so these days I do my best to stay out of it. However, I can confirm that Renee's references to me in previous blog posts and conversations are so ... Read More

Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

Church Calendar

1st Pres on Facebook

Giving

Prayer Requests

1st Pres on YouTube

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.

Discipleship

WellSpring Reminder

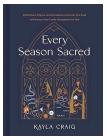
Oct 21 | 6-7:30 | Sanctuary

Join us tomorrow, Wednesday 21st at 6 pm for our next WellSpring class studying the

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

Memorial Service

John Runge

July 6, 1938 - October 11, 2026

John Runge passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Sunday, October 11th.

There will be a service in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 28 with a cookie celebration to follow.

Heidelberg Catechism. More details in General News below.

More details will follow once they are available.

Earth Care

Earth Care Awareness Day

November 1 | Krueger Hall

Join the earth care team In Krueger Hall between services on November 1st for an Earth Care awareness day. Learn more about our earth care mission and what our church has done to fulfill it. Then vote to help select our next earth care projects. You might even like to volunteer to be involved in one!

Sunday's Service

Jesus didn't need to be baptized — but he was. Not because he needed forgiveness, but because we do. This past Sunday we explored what it means that the Son of God stepped into our waters, and what happens when we step into his. Three movements: forgiven, made new, called. 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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Junior Choir

Jubilate Returns!

October 18th | 10:15 - 10:45

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. Meetings are upstairs in the Gathering Room on the 2nd floor of the Hunter Building. We finish promptly at 10:45.

We plan to do offertories every now and then to show off our skills. This is the definition of fun, all while learning as many

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

standard Sunday School songs as we can. Join at any time!

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.

Be Aware

Community Service - Scam Information

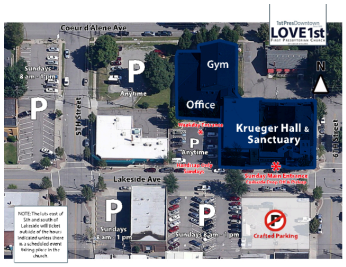
It's important to be vigilant as phishing is part of our lives.

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

Time: 6-7pm
Location: Sanctuary
Register Here: Fall WellSpring

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

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.

[Download a Full-size Map Here]

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 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.

Middle School Youth

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

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)

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

- 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

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, 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

Who: Mark Crouter, Rob Hoff
Gathering of the Bands Concert
Where: Schuler Auditorium, NIC Campus, Coeur d'Alene
When: November 4 & 5, 2026 | 6:30 pm

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