1stPresDowntown

# LOVE 1st

# This Week's eNews

October 6, 2026

## Blog of the Week

**Kierstie Renninger**

A handful of coins. A shared snack. Time spent serving. A listening ear. A talent offered.

Generosity doesn't always look like writing a check. Sometimes it sounds like laughter around a crowded table ... Read More

## Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

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**Discipleship**

## Small Group Facilitator Training

**October 10 | 10 - 11:30 am | Krueger Hall**

Are you interested in leading a small group? We are holding a training session for facilitators on Saturday, October 10th in Krueger Hall. This is a time to explore if you'd like to become a facilitator and learn about the ins and outs. It's also an opportunity for current facilitators to review guidelines.

Come for the treats and stay for the training! Questions? Call the office.

**Bring Your Loose Change**

## Noisy Offering

**October 11 | 9 am Service**

Start searching those couch cushions, coat pockets, and closets for spare change! On

**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. We'll wrestle with questions surrounding our faith, including: What do we believe? What is the role of theology in the life of a Christian? What are the sacraments? And what do we mean when we say that God is human? Through the Catechism's rich, pastoral voice, we'll dig into the convictions that shape who we are as followers of Christ, and consider how belief moves from head to heart to daily life.

**Schedule**:
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
**1st Meeting**: October 7th
**Time**: 6-7pm

October 11th, our kids will be collecting coins during our Noisy Offering to support the CDA Backpack Program, a local nonprofit we've been grateful to partner with for several years.

The CDA Backpack Program supports local families experiencing food insecurity by providing bags of food for children to take home for weekends and long school holidays. Last year, they provided more than 700 food bags each week through local schools — serving kids right here in our community.

We're grateful for the opportunity to support this important work and help care for our neighbors. People of all ages are invited to participate in this LOVE 1st outreach! Bring your spare change on October 11th, and let's make some joyful noise together for kids and families in our community.

**Location**: Sanctuary
**Register Here**: Fall WellSpring

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**Community Outreach**
## Supporting Snacks & Transportation
**Through Mid-October**

For the next two weeks, we are supporting our community by providing healthy snacks and gas for at-risk families. We are specifically supporting the McKinney-Vento Program sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Public School District. This program helps remove barriers for students and families experiencing temporary, unstable, or inadequate housing.

You can donate through our Giving Portal, by visiting the table in Krueger Hall or drop your donation in the church office. Please be sure to indicate on the memo line that it is to support this Sept/Oct Community Outreach drive.

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

**Community Outreach**
## Souport the End of Homelessness
**October 15th | 11:30 - 1 pm**

**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.

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

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**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

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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.

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

On the surface, the flight to Egypt looks like a detour — Jesus forced from his homeland before his ministry even begins. But Matthew is doing something far more intentional. This past Sunday we discovered that escape, exile, and return are not interruptions in the story of salvation. They are its shape. Join us as we explored what it means that God does not save us from a distance. **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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If yes, you will need to click on a link **that looks like the image** below and **appears at the very bottom** of your eNews to read the entire newsletter:

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**Passing of a Friend**
## Joyce Liechti
**September 21, 2026**

Our dear Joyce Liecthi passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Monday, September 21st. A long-time active member, she was loved especially for her beautiful quilts. Please pray for comfort for her family and friends.

**Welcome Membership**

## New Directory Available!

**Call the Office**

The latest edition of our church directory is now available! Copies are available in the office or find Janet on Sunday. Make sure your copy has 'September 2026 Printing' in the lower-left corner.

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**

**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

1st Pres Parking Map

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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 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

**Get Involved!**
**Church Center**
**Download Now!**

church center
by planning center

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**

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**: Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
**Where**: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
**When**: October 9, 2026 | 5-7 pm

**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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