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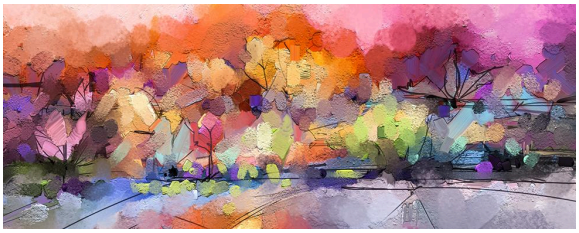


This Week's eNews

September 15, 2026

Blog of the Week

Dan Brown

Our motto is “Love 1st.” We love because God first loved us. How can we, as a church, show this love unless we know the love that has been shown to us?

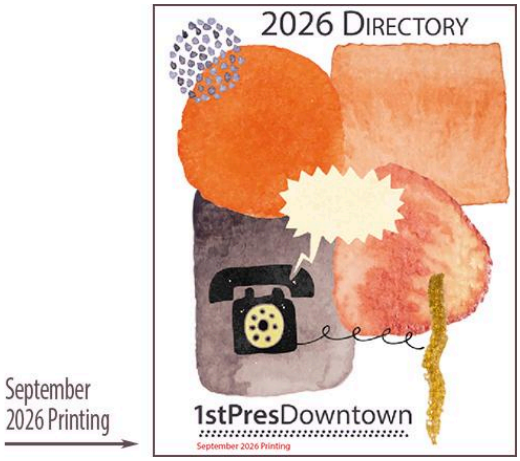
When my mother passed away, I was given a suitcase full of letters and keepsakes that had been passed down from my ... **Read More**

Important Links

- **1stPresDowntown.org**
- **Church Calendar**
- **1st Pres on Facebook**
- **Giving**
- **Prayer Requests**
- **1st Pres on YouTube**

Welcome Membership

New Directory Available!



The newest edition of our church directory is now available! You can pick up a copy in the office. We'll also have copies available in Krueger Hall this Sunday. Make sure your copy has 'September 2026 Printing' in the lower left corner.

Campus Refresh

New Roof Project

Began September 8th

Our Sanctuary, Office and Gym are being re-roofed this month. You will notice construction equipment and materials in the gravel lot off of 5th Street and in the alley behind the church.

At times there may be sidewalks closed, especially along 6th Street and the sidewalk by the gym.

Parking in the gravel lot may be more challenging on some days this month, but the office parking lot and our lots across the street will remain open during the entire project.

Please call the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

Community Outreach

Supporting Snacks & Transportation

The Next Four Weeks

For the next four weeks we are supporting our community by providing healthy snacks and gas for at risk families. 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.

Welcome/Membership

All Congregation Pie with Pastor

September 23 | 6 pm

Please join us for an informal time with Pastor McLane and enjoy some pie!

Join Us

Bell & Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays | 5:30 & 6:30 | Sanctuary

The Bell and Chancel Choirs have resumed practice!

It's very rewarding to sing with a large group of people, and it's always low-impact and low-stress. Childcare is available. Reach out to **Renee** with questions and/or to get on the email list.

Hosting Family Promise

Sunday, September 13 - 20
This Week!

We are hosting all week. If you can help and have not signed up for any activity, please contact Rondi, Ann, Tresa or the office.

Community Outreach

Serving Ecumenical Lunch

October 1 | 10:30 am - 1 pm

1st Pres has the honor of serving our Ecumenical Lunch guests on October 1st. Sign-up in Krueger Hall!

Welcome/Membership

New Member Class

October 3 | 9 am

Join us on Saturday, October 3rd and learn about 1st Pres and what it means to be Presbyterian. We'll start with a light continental breakfast following by discussion and learning led by Pastor McLane. Sign-up in Krueger Hall.

Discipleship

WellSpring Fall Series

October - December | 6 pm

WELLSPRING

This fall, Wellspring will 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. Together 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
Location: Sanctuary

Register Here: [Fall WellSpring]

Sunday's Service

Most of us skip the genealogy at the beginning of Matthew. It's just a list of names, right? But look closer. Hidden in that list are scandals, failures, foreigners, and heroes — the full range of human experience. And Matthew puts it all there on purpose. This Sunday we began our fall series in the Gospel of Matthew by discovering that the grace in Jesus' story is also the grace in ours. **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!

Do you view your email using Gmail?
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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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.

Welcome/Membership
Directory Update

The latest version of our directory is available. Pick up a copy at the church.

Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets
Knitting For Warmth

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

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
[Download a Full-size Map Here]

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

Middle 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.

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

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.

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

Events

Who: David Rogge (Stephanie's Son)
What: Rathdrum Rumble
Where: NIC Parker Technical Education Center, Rathdrum
When: September 26, 2026 | 9 am - 3 pm
Enter a car or simply visit the event. **Event Details**

Music

Who: Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: September 18, 2026 | 5-7 pm

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

Who: Craig Catlett, Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Divas!
Where: Hamilton Studio, Spokane
When: October 16 & 16, 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, Eric Haakensen, Tom Richards (Bucket List)
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: October 30, 2026 | 5-7 pm

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