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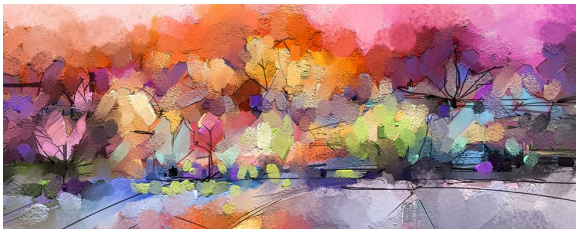


This Week's eNews

September 1, 2026

Blog of the Week

Bonnie Piovesan

We hear a lot about the various generations these days. Those who are part of the Greatest Generation are passing away all too quickly. No one seems to remember the Silent Generation. Baby Boomers are transitioning into retirement communities. Gen X'ers are largely overlooked. The media is constantly talking ... **Read More**

Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

Church Calendar

1st Pres on Facebook

Giving

Prayer Requests

1st Pres on YouTube

Campus Refresh

New Roof Project Begins

Starting Tuesday, September 8th

The Sanctuary, Office and Gym will be getting new roofs this month. This coming week you will notice construction equipment and materials in the gravel lot off of 5th Street and in the alley behind the church.

Please be mindful of any safety barriers around the property. 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.

Join Us

Bell & Chancel Choir Rehearsals

September 10th | 5:30 & 6:30 | Sanctuary

The Bell and Chancel Choirs will resume practice on September 10th at 5:30 & 6:30 pm respectively in the sanctuary.

For the Chancel Choir ... even if you can't commit to Thursday evening practice fun,

Office Closed - Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Saturday Men's Bible Study

Saturday, September 12

Our Saturday Men's Bible study group resumes meeting on Saturday, Sept 12. We generally meet at La Peep for breakfast.

join our email list. You'll have access to all the news and info once a week, as well as links to the songs so you can practice at home and join us on Sunday mornings at your convenience.

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

Celebration of Life Tomorrow

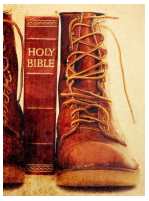
Jo Teater

May 22, 1949 - August 18, 2026

Join us for the service to celebrate Jo's life tomorrow, **Wednesday**, **September 2nd, at 11 am** in the Sanctuary with a cookie reception following in Krueger Hall. Please keep Dave and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thursday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 3 | 11:30 am



After a long summer break, the Thursday Men's Bible study group resumes!

Arrive around 11:30 for lunch. Study generally begins by noon, concluding around 1 pm. All men are welcome. Please contact Sam Logozzo or the office if you have questions.

Passing

Chelle Haakenson

May 8, 1964 - August 22, 2026

Our dear friend, Chelle (Michelle) Haakenson, recently lost her courageous battle with cancer. Surrounded by her family and friends, she stepped into Jesus' loving arms. Please keep Eric and their entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

Contact Dan Brown for time and other details.

Hosting Family Promise

Sunday, September 13 - 20

Please sign-up to volunteer for our hosting week! Please contact Rondi, Ann, Teresa or the office if you have questions.

Fall Kick-off & Potluck

Sun, Sept 13 | Following Combined Service

Mark your calendars! Our annual Fall Potluck will be held on September 13th. As usual, it will follow a combined service at 9 am. Sign-up in Krueger Hall and bring your favorite potluck dish. The Deacons will be providing chicken rather than burgers and hot dogs this year.

Meetings Resume!

Women's Cancer Support Group

September 14th | 1 pm

Our Women's Cancer Support Group resumes their meetings on Monday, September 14th at 1 pm. We'll be meeting in Krueger Hall. Treats will be served.

The Kootenai Cancer Center is currently is pending a remodel. Our group has been asked by one of the committee members to provide feedback. Come prepared for suggestions based on your personal experience.

Chelle's celebration of life is planned for November 2nd at 2 pm. As we approach the date we'll provide more details.

Sunday's Service

In a world of broken promises, are there any promises we believe? We welcomed Pastor Dan MacDonald this Sunday as we study a Promise to Rest In. **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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Inland Northwest Opera Rehearsing

Performances at NIC September 11 & 13

You may soon opera music on campus this week! The Inland Northwest Opera company is rehearsing in our gym for their upcoming performance of Die Fledermaus at NIC's Schuler Auditorium. The comic opera will be performed on Friday, Sept 11 and Sunday, Sept 13. Tickets are on sale or you can be a volunteer and see the performance for free.

Purchase Tickets | **Volunteer Here**

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

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
Sunday Morning Bible Study
Women's Studies

The latest version of our directory will be passed out on Sunday, September 13th.

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

[Download a Full-size Map Here]

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.

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
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)
- Scripture Readers (Sunday 9 am Service)

Sunday Morning Volunteers

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

Sign-up Here

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!

Access Code: Love1st

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: Craig Catlett (Rusty Jackson)
Where: The Social, Spokane Valley
When: September 6, 2026 | Noon

Who: Craig Catlett (Rusty Jackson)
Where: Bolos Grill, Spokane Valley
When: September 8, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Eric Haakenson, Tom Richards (Bucket List)
Where:Bee's Knees, Hayden
When: September 11, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Eric Haakenson, Tom Richards (Bucket List)
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: September 12, 2026 | 5-7 pm

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

Categories are:

- Entertainment | Arts | Community
- Ministry | Non-profit
- In the Neighborhood

Please submit content to Janet for review and posting.

If you have any questions contact Janet or Bonnie.

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