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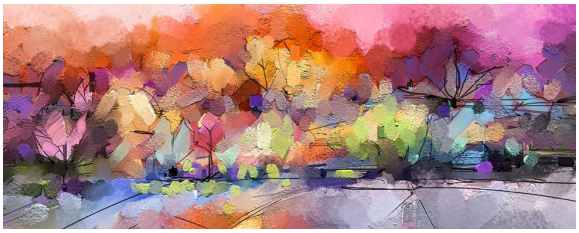

This Week's eNews

September 29, 2026

Blog of the Week

Tracee Dahm

This summer I was looking forward to attending a concert. This musical artist was finally coming to our town, and he had been on my list of musicians to see for years! Call it a concert bucket list, if you will. I was so excited to see that tickets were available. I was even more ecstatic ... Read More

Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

Church Calendar

1st Pres on Facebook

Giving

Prayer Requests

1st Pres on YouTube

Update
Family Promise
September 21, 2026

Once again, our 1st Pres community demonstrated our Love 1st mission, welcoming Family Promise families. We provided delicious meals, a safe, clean bedroom each night, and we honored the families with our fellowship. Generous monetary donations make our mission possible. It takes a village, and 1st Pres is that village. Thank you!!

PS. Mom and baby "graduated" and moved into their new apartment! Congratulations!

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.

Community Outreach
Serving Ecumenical Lunch
Thursday | 10:30 am - 1 pm

1st Pres has the honor of serving our Ecumenical Lunch guests this week, October 1st. Come on down and help!

Reminder

Bible Reading Challenge Begins

October 1

Our Bible Reading Challenge begins tomorrow, October 1. Please start the Bible Recap with Tera-Leigh Cobble either in the YouVersion Bible app or **online**. Contact **Dan Brown** if you have questions.

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, followed by discussion and learning led by Pastor McLane. Sign up in Krueger Hall.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Sunday, October 4 | 9 am

We are celebrating Holy Communion this coming Sunday at the 9 am service. If you are worshiping from home please be sure to gather your elements before the service begins.

Reminder

Women's Cancer Support Group

October 5 | 1 pm | Krueger Hall

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

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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. 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**

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. 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.

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 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.

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.

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 **Katie Simmons**.

Sunday's Service

The first people to worship Jesus weren't the priests. They weren't the scribes. They weren't even Jewish. They were Gentile stargazers from the East — outsiders by every measure — who traveled hundreds of miles to kneel before a child in Bethlehem. This Sunday we ask what that means for us, our neighbors, and our Love1st mission. Join us. **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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Missions Update
Community Action Partnership

Community Action Partnership in North Idaho serves the 10 North Idaho counties and Asotin County in Washington. It focuses on individuals and families whose income is 200% below the Federal Poverty Level. Partnering with government agencies, private companies, nonprofit charities, and individuals, the Partnership primarily provides shelf-stable food products, energy assistance, and access to health care. The Coeur d'Alene center helped 2,273 households and 3,269 individuals during August 2026 alone. Their current concern is the slowdown in fall donations of shelf-stable food products (canned goods) versus other identified needs. As people cycle into the school year, these donations trend downward while needs continue at the current rate. Our Mission Committee supported the Partnership with a $4,500 donation in 2025 and will continue in 2026 to support this valuable community resource.

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.

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

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
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)
- 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

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

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If you have any questions contact **Janet** or **Bonnie**.

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