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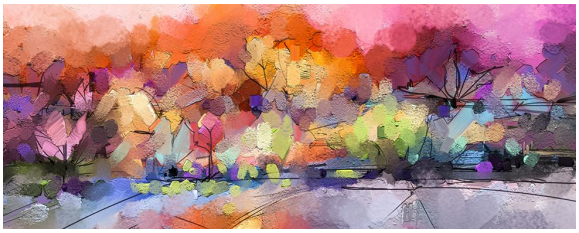


This Week's eNews

September 8, 2026

Blog of the Week

Dalton Shotwell

You're a leaf.

Just roll with me on this. You're a leaf.

Let's say you're a leaf on a Norway Maple, which, as my brief research concludes, is the name of a common large tree around here — at least in Dalton Gardens where we ... 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 Today, 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.

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

This Thursday! | 5:30 & 6:30 | Sanctuary

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

Fall Kick-off & Potluck

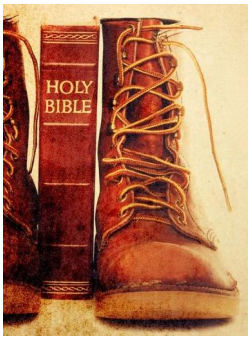
Sun, Sept 13 | Following Combined Service

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

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

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. 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.

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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 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.

Welcome/Membership
All Congregation Pie with Pastor
September 23 | 6 pm

Please join us for an informal time with Pastor McLane and enjoy a bit of pie!

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.

Sunday's Service

Next week we begin a new series in the Gospel of Matthew. But before we open Matthew 1, we need to go back—all the way back to a man named Abram standing in Mesopotamia, hearing a voice he had never heard before, being asked to go somewhere he had never been. Because the story of Jesus doesn't begin in Bethlehem. It begins in Genesis 12.

Join us this Sunday as we discover the promise behind the Gospel. **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 hear opera music on campus! 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

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

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.

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]

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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