

In Our Prayers

Our Troops:

Lance Cpl Justin Hill
(Marine Corps)
PFC. Daniel Thompson M.C.
(Cherry Point, NC)
Tech Sgt. Jason Taylor
(Oklahoma City, OK)
Sr. Airman Chris Hamley
(Texas)
Sr. Airman Kim Owens
(Las Vegas, NV)
Staff Sgt. Derek Owens
(Las Vegas, NV)

Those unable to attend

on Sundays:

Opal Anderson
Florence Bertram
Lela Bullard
Beulah & Jim Carkhuff
Marge Formo
Louise Gotz
Erna Headrick
Don Klotz
Tatin McCrea
Alice Munn
Paul Riess
Betty & Ray Stone

Chronic Illness:

Maryann Guenther
Bob Berquist
Ellen Stetzelberger

Health & Well-being:

Linsey Sowinski
Joan Hust
Don Ireland
Kris Stueve
Don Brown
Craig Hall
Sandi Hall
Cynde Nystrom & family

Do you need prayer or special support in your life at this time?
Please consider the following options:

1. Contact the church office (667-8446) to share a prayer request with the Prayer Chain, who will pray for your request
2. Contact the church office and ask to place a name on our prayer list for the bulletin and website. Those remain on the lists for one month unless requested to be longer
3. Contact the church office and ask for the Pastor to set up a time to pray with you
4. Go to our website (www.cdafirstpres.org) and click on "Prayers" in the lower right column



Bless China International:

BCI works in close cooperation with many Chinese government partners on all levels to best serve the Chinese people. These partners insure the on-going success of each project and help Bless China International connect with people where needs are greatest. Pray that China will be a safe place for the trained volunteers and create an open heart in the government leaders that will allow this important work to continue.

A GREENER APPROACH TO GIVING

Churches, because of their heavy weekly check volumes, were among the earliest organizations to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions. Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches.

A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills



electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. The trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50% decline in check use since the year 2000.

As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship. If you would like more information, or would like to sign up, brochures are available at the Information Desk. If you have questions about automatic giving please call Erica at the church office.

December 4 - 11, 2011

Today

8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. "Gifts for a Better World" Gift Fair; Family Center (Gym)
8:15 a.m. Adult Ed Class; Fireside Room
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
9:30 a.m. HEART SHAPERS (Christian Education for 3 yr old - K)
9:30 a.m. FAITH TREK (Christian Education for grades 1st-5th)
10:45 a.m. YOUTH GROUP; Youth Room (lower level of Hunter Building)
10:45 a.m. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING; Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Monday

7:00 p.m. Sweet Adelines Concert; Sanctuary

Tuesday

4:00 p.m. "Angels in Training" Choir; 2nd floor, Hunter Building

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Fit & Fall Proof Class; Family Center (Gym)
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. **Community Clothes Closet**; check in at office
4:00 p.m. Children & Families Ministry Team; Fireside Room

Thursday

5:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Team; Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal; Bell Room
6:15 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal; Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Friday

1:00 p.m. Fit & Fall Proof Class; Family Center (Gym)

Saturday

Next Sunday

8:15 a.m. Adult Ed Class; Fireside Room
9:30 a.m. HEART SHAPERS & FAITH TREK — (Go directly to classroom instead of worship)
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP: Children's Christmas Program**
10:45 a.m. YOUTH GROUP; Youth Room (lower level of Hunter Building)
12:15 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Daily

5:00 p.m. AA —use the east (6th St.) basement entrance

Our Ministry Team

Greeters: Nate & Suzy Jolley
Ushers: Laura Harris, Meda Scott
Jean Rohlman, Jim & Marie Edinger
Communion Servers: Bob Guenther, Bev Moss,
George Saylor, John Huber, Bill Smith
Head Tech Engineer: David Johnson
Assistant Tech Engineer: Bobby Marlette
Ministers: All the members of the church
Clerk of Session: Don Campbell
Pastor: Dr. Bill Peterson (208-277-5687)
Associate for Worship & Communication: Cynthia Marlette
Office Manager/Administrative Assistant: Stacy Ireland
Youth Director: Kendra Johnson
Bookkeeper: Erica Waterman
Choir Director: Judy Flieger
Organist/Pianist/Praise Team Leader: Cynthia Marlette
Preschool Director: Susie Freligh
Nursery Director: Amy Grimmatt
Custodian: Russell Chapin
Women's Association Co-Moderators: Meda Scott, Laura Coffman
Head Deacon: Serena Smith

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Serving Christ in Coeur d'Alene since 1888

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

December 4, 2011

9:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome! We've been expecting you, and we're glad you're here.
We pray you will experience the love of God in our midst.

Childcare is available for those three years and younger.
You'll find the nursery through the left door at the front of the sanctuary.
We invite children and youth of all ages to our worship service.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the entrances or by asking an usher.

Worship

**If you are able, it is customary to stand for these portions of the service.*

TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

"It is the beautiful task of advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope". - Thomas Merton

GATHERING MUSIC **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"** by Joseph Martin
Cynthia Marlette, piano
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" by Dubrinski
Chimes Choir

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY Bev Moss
(please sign and pass the registration pads down the row; then pass them back)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Steve & Lisa Bickel

CALL TO WORSHIP Bev Moss

The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.
The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.
The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.
We come to prepare a way for the Lord,
We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.
For the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it.

*HYMN **"Down By the Jordan"** screen
(to the tune of "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Bev Moss

We long for you to come to us, Creator of Goodness. But too often, we do not seem to share your vision of how the world should be, or we are to live. You dream of resentful enemies sitting down together, but we feast on bitterness. You would have us sing with one voice, but we prefer to be soloists. You would have us serve others, but we sit quietly, expecting you to come and fill our every need. Forgive us, Approaching God, and help us to turn to welcome you with open arms. May we prepare for your coming by opening our hearts to that healing hope and surprising mercy which is ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

MOMENTS FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's word of acceptance and affirmation: we are forgiven, we are loved, we are called to be servants to all creation.
Forgiveness falls like a gentle shower upon us, sinking deep into our hearts and souls, so we might be nourished and nurtured as God's children. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PRAISE SONG **"Peace On Earth"** screen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kendra Johnson

Age three through 5th grade are dismissed after the children's message for HEART SHAPERS (3 yrs-kindergarten) and FAITH TREK (grades 1-5). They may exit through the door to the left of the front of the sanctuary. Parents may pick up their children after the service at 10:45 a.m. on the second floor of the Hunter Building.

CHOIR ANTHEM **"Candle of Peace"** Beal

*OFFERING HYMN *No. 166*
"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OFFERTORY **"Of the Father's Love Begotten"** Wagner
Chimes Choir

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 1:1-8** Pastor Sheryl Kinder-Pyle

SERMON **"Prepare Your Way!"** Pastor Sheryl Kinder-Pyle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Bev Moss

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The communion elements are available for all believers, whether or not you are Presbyterian or Protestant. Please hold the bread until all have been served. You may take of the cup whenever you wish.

*CLOSING HYMN **"The Lord's Prayer"** screen

*BENEDICTION Pastor Sheryl Kinder-Pyle

*SENDING FORTH arr. Richard Hudson
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Thank you to Pastor Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, Transitional Executive Presbyter, for helping lead worship today.

~Announcements~

TIS THE SEASON

Glory Be is in need of empty coffee creamer containers and cardboard milk cartons for some Christmas projects. Please rinse them and drop them into the Glory Be box in the Hunter Building Hallway. We also need donations of candies appropriate for decorating gingerbread houses for the kids. Hard candies, Nonpareils (Snow Cap candies), M&M's etc. are perfect! Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Northwest Sacred Music Chorale presents this year's Christmas Concert! on December 21 at 5 PM or 8 PM. Both concerts will be held at the Kroc Center, and will feature the Chorale, the Ensemble, and harpist Leslie Stratton-Norris, in a selection of Christmas favorites. Tickets are available on line at www.nwsmc.org, at outlets, and from Carolyn Keefer or Nate & Suzy Jolley, who are chorale members from our congregation.

CHRISTMAS LIVE

This year's Children's Christmas Program will be presented on Sun., Dec. 11 during worship. The Christmas story was filmed with the children "on location" with real sheep and a donkey, in a stable/barn, in a field, in a garden and with the Wisemen traveling over hills. The children "experienced" the well-loved story and pray that you will enjoy seeing it.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S

CHRISTMAS TEA

Tuesday December 20, 2011 1:00 PM First Presbyterian Women Fellowship Circles invite all women of the church and their guests to the Annual Christmas Tea. This will be a festive occasion with Pastor Craig Sumey as our honored guest. This is a time to meet and welcome our new Pastor, a time of fellowship, exchange of greetings, sharing the world's best cookies. And glorious Christmas music from the wonderful musicians of First Pres!

Attendance Last Sunday 195			
Offerings	Actual	Budget	Income Needed
YTD	\$267,015.50	\$295,637.76	\$28,622.26
Nov. 27	\$2,838.50	\$6,158.00	\$3,319.50
2011 Budget: \$314,063			

GIFTS FOR A BETTER WORLD
Our Alternative Gift Fair
TODAY from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session approved a Congregational Meeting to be held TODAY after worship for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the class of 2014.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are from Becky Shellman in memory of her husband Lee.

THE DEACON'S FUND

When you contribute to the Deacon's fund, your money goes DIRECTLY to those in need through our donation to St. Vincent de Paul. Envelopes are in the pew pockets. Please be as generous as you have been blessed. There are many needs in this time of economic crisis. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help move office furniture, remove carpet, etc. to prep for our new carpet and painting in the office area. We are looking for help on Dec. 22, 23, 26, & 27. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards or you can call the office.

SWEET ADELINES CONCERT

The Coeur d Alene Sweet Adelines will be presenting its 4th annual "Caroling of the Belles" concert on Monday December 5th from 7-8:30 p.m. at First Pres. They are grateful that they can offer this gift of music in our church and invite all to join them.



A PLEA FOR POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season, please call the office (667-8446) or email: stacyt@cdfirstpres.org. They are \$10 and can be given in honor, in memory or "just because". You may mail in your payment, put it in the offering plate or drop it by the office. Thank you!

Coming Events

December 5
Sweet Adelines Concert
7 p.m.

December 11
Children's Program

December 18
Pastor Craig's first Sunday
Choir/orchestra cantata
9:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S

ASSOCIATION CIRCLE MEETINGS

Please join us; all women are welcome! For more info please contact Meda Scott (772-6260) or Laura Coffman (665-7027).

December 6

Esther Circle
1:00 p.m.

Mary Ann Welsh
4435 S. Vista Loop, CdA

Martha Circle
1:00 p.m.

Marian Schenkenberger
726 Mill Ave, CdA

Mary Circle
1:00 p.m.

Joan Sanders
3624 Forest Circle, CdA

Rebecca Circle
1:00 p.m.

Dorcella Hardesty
5140 Hague Ct.
CdA