

The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Throughout the new year of 2020 you are going to hear, read, and see a lot of vision related metaphors. We want 20/20 vision. We want to see things clearly. The 20/20 phrase refers to visual acuity. The desire for good vision is true physically and it is true spiritually. As Jesus' disciples we want eyes to see what God is doing, ears ready to hear where God is calling, and hearts open to follow faithfully. In order to be able to know and discern God's communicating with us, we need to be invested in Scripture. So, as we begin this new year, let me help refocus our vision by referring you to ECO's Essential Tenets. The first thing our denomination declares essential is "God's Word: The Authority For Our Confession."



"The clearest declaration of God's glory is found in His Word, both incarnate and written. The Son eternally proceeds from the Father as His Word, the full expression of the Father's nature, and since in the incarnation the Word became flesh all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are offered to His disciples. The written Word grants us those treasures, proclaims the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, and graciously teaches all that is necessary for faith and life. We glorify God by recognizing and receiving His authoritative self-revelation, both in the infallible Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and also in the incarnation of God the Son. We affirm that the same Holy Spirit who overshadowed the virgin Mary also inspired the writing and preservation of the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit testifies to the authority of God's Word and illumines our hearts and minds so that we might receive both the Scriptures and Christ Himself aright."

Beginning with scripture makes several important claims. It says that God has revealed himself. God has made himself known and knowable. God cares about us personally and corporately. It is remarkable to consider how the creator of everything knows my name and knows me more intimately than I know myself. I understand the awe of Psalm 8. God has given us scripture that we might know him, understand how we are known by him, and to understand his command to love one another.

This follows along with what Scripture says about itself. In 2 Timothy 3, Paul wrote to his young friend, "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." The writer of Hebrews says this in chapter 4, "Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account." Proficiency is a mark of seeing clearly. If the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edge sword, then the fear of the Lord really is the beginning of wisdom – of seeing the world and our place in it.

In a world that wants to distort reality to its own pleasure and refuses to acknowledge the consequences of straying from God's created order, we have the sure and steady anchor of scripture to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. We need to walk with one another in reading and reflecting on what scripture teaches because it has all that is necessary for faith and life.

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Let me encourage you to start this year immersed in scripture. Dwell in God's word, such that it becomes a part of your moment-by-moment living. In doing so you will be a light to others. You will find doors opening to share with others the hope that has been observed in you. That's exactly what we are supposed to be doing as we follow Jesus' leading in his campaign for the kingdom of God.

Blessings and happy new year!

Your brother in Christ,

Bob Davis

ECO 2020 DUES

First Presbyterian Church's dues for our denomination, ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) will be \$20.00 per member for 2020. Our dues go to help with the Administration of our denomination. They help churches with health, pension and retirement benefits. They also provide training sessions and our Annual Convention, in Dallas, Texas in January. Our mission committee can accesses information from them in times of disasters, as to how we can help and partner with churches in need.

We pay these dues on a monthly bases. Our estimated 2020 dues for the year will be approximately \$5,500. There will be a pink envelope in the giving envelope boxes, in the pews and in the narthex or just drop your check in the offering plate and memo it <u>ECO Dues</u>.



2020 ENVELOPES

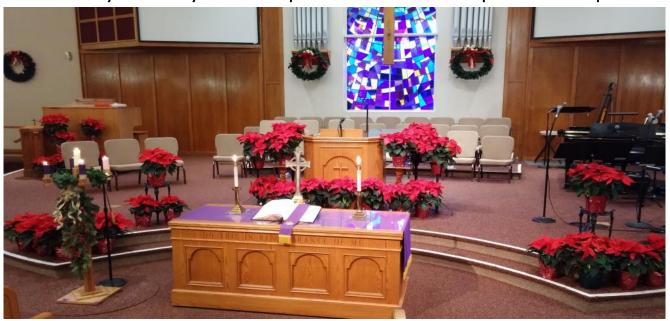
If you signed up for giving envelopes please pick them up in the Narthex/Lobby now. If you need envelopes for 2020 and have not signed up for them please contact Charlene Rodman in the church office, email her at char@fpccarsoncity.org, or leave a message at X215.

Thank you for helping with this special offering and all of FPC's mission in 2020.

Have a healthy, blessed New Year!

Our Sanctuary was once again a place of beauty for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a beautiful place to worship our God.





Happy New Year! Time for new beginnings and fresh starts. I know that we will have repeat performances of certain activities and opportunities to serve, and on top of that, I know we will explore even more fun opportunities to grow in relationship with one another. You've heard about and experienced our big activities, but here's a look into what we are learning about in Sunday school:

Miss Deana spent December teaching Advent to the preschoolers and kindergarteners, starting with the prophesies in Isaiah, through Jesus' birth. They had a birthday party, and she has a lot of fun with them acting out scenes, playing games, and doing crafts. As we start 2020, she is going to take them back to Genesis, and work from creation through Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Miss Deana loves worshiping Jesus Christ with our littlest learners!

Miss Karen has been taking the first-sixth graders through several relevant studies. In September, they learned about serving. October was walking in wisdom, truth, love, and faith. In November, they studied gratitude and showing thanks. December was started with a unit on The Lord's Prayer, then moved into Jesus helps me worship by giving, remembering, and singing. In the new year, our elementary students will learn about the Bible, and how Jesus helps me love my family. Miss Karen always has fun, creative activities for our elementary students to help them learn their lessons. We are so blessed to have her teaching our kids!

The youth have been working out of a curriculum called re:form, using a DVD and an Anti-Workbook. It is a fun, often silly, way of reaching teens about serious questions they may have. We finished the Bible Unit and have begun work in the Creed Unit. They are beginning to think on a deeper level, and it's exciting to see the "Aha!" moments.

In addition to all of this, Miss Karen and I agree we need to work on some basics such as knowing the books of the Bible, so we have a lot of fun activities, games, and projects to help with that.

We were able to purchase ten Kindle Fires to use in competitive games, as well as for reference. Biblegateway.com has been downloaded to each of them, so we can all easily look up the same passages in different versions for comparison and deeper understanding of the Word. More technological advances are on the horizon. It's so much fun to see the kids engaging and learning with these tools!

This dynamic ministry is possible due to your support, prayers, and willingness to volunteer. Let me start the year out by saying thank you! Continue checking in with me for opportunities to share your time, talents, and treasure with our kids. And let me know your ideas for our Family Ministries. You have so much to offer, and we would love to hear your thoughts!

Joyfully His,

Sherri Chenin, Family Ministry Coordinator

TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR MARCH

Is FEBRUARY 14

Send your info / articles / submissions to margo@fpccarsoncity.org

2020 Prayer Calendar

Would you like to be part of something new & fun? Here's an exciting, innovative way to lift Pastor Bob and his family in prayer for extra love, guidance, strength and protection every day throughout 2020. You can be a prayer warrior in the comfort of your home just by signing up for any day of your choice each month. Details coming soon or for more information contact Caren Kipler through the church office.



Worship -Hint: It's Not About Us!

As we turn the calendar page into a new year, and now a new decade (!), it's always good to evaluate where we've been both personally and as a church.

Having come through 24 years with one pastor, we have had the luxury of a long tenure to get to know God's heart through our relationship with Pastor Bruce. It is fitting that at the beginning of a new decade, we are learning to get to know God's heart through our new relationship with Pastor Bob. With this transition we continue to reach out to help others in need and to demonstrate the Gospel working in our lives. When we come together in worship, we come to demonstrate to God our devotion to Him and our willingness to be used by Him to reach others.

We all have ideas about what it means to worship God. Our humanness would like us to make worship about us and our preferences, but that is not what worship is.

Worship is declaring the "worthiness" of God. We don't get to define that. Only God, Who sent His Son to save us, gets to decide what He will accept as our act of worship.

I believe that God wants us to be open to using different ways of saying the "same" thing to Him. Our lives, our tithes, our hearts and mouths, our bodies, our gifts, our brains, our very beings. That certainly is a variety of ways to worship (think dance, music, art, hospitality, compassion, "entertaining angels unaware", doing, writing). So from the musical side then, it is fitting that we use a variety of musical means to achieve the goal of speaking to each others' hearts about God. In Colossians 3, Paul goes through a litany of the things that are "above" and not things of earth. "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." He also talks about the things of the old life and how they must be put to death. He asks us to be in unity in Christ Jesus. He reminds us that we once, before we knew Jesus, walked in those "old self" ways that demanded we continue to focus on ourselves.

In bringing a music program of a church to fruition, one must be open first to God leading the way. In addition, one must be able to see the advantages of a variety of different styles of music and not be swayed only by one's own preference. Running a music program at FPC means that we are open to including as many folks who have gifts in worship arts as possible. Be that art, choral music, praise music, liturgical dance, instrumental pieces, or whatever folks can bring in excellence to the table. It also means working with many different people and temperaments. Relationship building is very important in this endeavor. In all, what one strives to do is work at helping us all grow through this offering of love for our Lord.

Too easily we humans can get wrapped up in what we can do for God and not wait for Him to show us how we can offer our very beings to Him in a manner that He will accept as our worship. This is where we need to let "the word of Christ dwell" in us richly. We are commanded in Colossians 3:16 to "teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, singing psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness" in our "hearts to God."

So even if we are the most outstanding person to direct or sing or play or <u>fill in the blank</u>, and we do it out of a purpose OTHER than with thankfulness in our hearts to God, then we are like the Corinthians 13 gong or clanging cymbal to God's ears. I am reminded of a song that the Praise Team will be bringing to worship in January, called "Nobody". The words of the chorus say, "I'm just a nobody, tryin' to tell everybody all about somebody Who saved my soul. Ever since You rescued me, You gave my heart a song to sing. I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus." And that is what worship is about: it is about offering to God, our very selves and about "being" Jesus to our neighbors and strangers. And the goal is for others to see Jesus in us and not us "doing" for Jesus.

Set your

minds on

things that are above, not on things that are on earth...

Living for the world to see nobody but Jesus,

Karen



IT'S TIME FOR THE DESERT SCHOONERS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF. POTLUCK & AUCTION

Saturday, February 1st in the Family Life Center

Bring YOUR award-winning chili for the competition and share!

Potluck details to follow soon.

Auction donation details below!

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Judging ~ 6:00 p.m. Eating

Bluegrass Entertainment by "The Back Forty"

Look for Chili Cook-off sign ups soon!

Calling all Silent Auction Donors & Hot Chili Peppers!

Every Tuesday in January from 9 am to 11 am, The Hot Chili Peppers Silent Auction Team will be in the Old Sanctuary digging through donated Treasures for the Chili Cook-off on February 1! Come dressed for winter as the room is NOT HEATED and it will be CHILLY! (As Jane Hancock stated: dress like you are going skiing!)

What Items to Donate: Very nice, lightly used Wonderfully Fabulous Items that YOU would bid on or take home for a raffle ticket. (Remember this is an auction not a yard sale.) <u>Drop off your Treasures on the stage starting January 5th!</u> <u>Drop off as well on January 14, 21, and 28 from 9-11am in the Old Sanctuary</u>.

<u>January 7</u>: We will dig through and categorize into not-so-neat-piles all the <u>Wonderful Treasures</u> we have so far! This will help us to know what to ask the congregation for on Sunday the 12th! Anything that needs upcycling or gentle cleaning will be marked and projects begin! Auction items may already be created!

Drop off days are Jan 14, 21, and 28. Taking in **Treasures** from the congregation.

January 28: Most auction items will be ready! THIS IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP OFF TREASURES.

January 31: Final set up starts at 11am and continues through the afternoon!

Please DO NOT drop off items this day or the day of the event as we will already be set up!

We will have tax deduction forms for you if you want one for your donation!

If you want to help out by being a Hot Chili Pepper, email Jenny Scanland through the church office



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Additional Dates of Note In January & February



Epiphany - January 6



Ash Wednesday - February 26th



100 CHRISTMAS DINNER BAGS

What a fantastic congregation you all are and continue to be.

You helped 100 families have a happier Christmas
by providing them with a Christmas dinner.

Can you imagine their smiles and thankfulness for YOU?

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! Happy New Year from your Mission Committee



Adult Sunday School in 2020

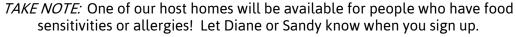


We will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism every Sunday starting January 5th. After Pastor Bob brought us through the ten-week study of the essential tenants and confessional standards of ECO this past autumn, we will enrich and continue that line of study by looking at one of the beloved Christian creeds/statements of the 16th century: the Heidelberg Catechism.

Please join us on Sunday mornings in 2020 at 845 AM. If you have any questions about the adult Sunday School, please contact Paul Douglas.

Start off the New Year making new Presbyterian friends by attending a Friendship Supper.

The first one will be either Friday, January 17 or Saturday, January 18 - your choice. You can sign up to host or attend with Diane Young or Sandy Ehresman during Coffee Hour starting Sunday, January 5 or 12. You can also contact Diane Young or Sandy Ehresman through the church office.







The Desert Schooner's first meeting of 2020

will be a pot luck in the Family Life Center at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14. A new "Happy" sing-along group will be the program. All are invited so please join us for food, fun and fellowship. Call Sandy Ehresman for more information through the church office. .

LIKE TO SING, EAT & ENJOY GREAT FELLOWSHIP?

The HYMN SINGS & POTLUCKS are back for 2020 and will now be scheduled on the 3rd Thursdays of the month. Put January 16 and February 20 on your calendars now. Details to come soon.





Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 2. Details coming soon.

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Upcoming Sermons

JANUARY 5: "Mission of the Twelve"

Mark 6:6-13

JANUARY 12: "Cost of Obedience"

Mark 6:14-29

JANUARY 19: "Bread of Life"

Mark 6:30-44

JANUARY 26: "Wherever He Went"

Mark 6:45-56

FEBRUARY 2: "Clean & Unclean"

Mark 7:1-23

FEBRUARY 9: "Even the Dogs"

Mark 7:24-30

FEBRUARY 16: "Be Opened"

Mark 7:31-37

FEBRUARY 23: "How Many Loaves?"

Mark 8:1-10

FEBRUARY 26: Ash Wednesday

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