



# The Trumpet

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent is a time to pause and reflect on the meaning of Christ's Passion: his life, suffering, crucifixion, death, and – thankfully – resurrection.

Pausing and reflecting are not easily done in the midst of the busy-ness of the daily routine. Phone calls, responsibilities, traffic, media, and other things keep us from opening up time to simply reflect. It can be difficult to “be still and know that I am God.” We are more comfortable in being busy – being still often makes us feel like we are not doing anything worthwhile.



Pausing and reflecting can be difficult in the midst of a pandemic, too. Most people have established a new rhythm, but still long for the “old normal.” The new rhythm has its own form of busy-ness. Pausing and reflecting have not risen to the top of the priority list; instead, we are seeking to find more ways to avoid the quiet and silence that has been imposed via social isolation.

Mark D. Roberts, who was the pastor at Irvine Presbyterian Church in Orange County before moving to be the Scholar In Residence at the Laity Lodge ([www.markdroberts.com](http://www.markdroberts.com)) once did a series on discerning the will of God. In the midst of talking about how to “have an ear to hear the Holy Spirit,” he broached the topic of silence.

Silence can be scary, especially for those of us who aren't used to it. We can be afraid that silence will be boring. Or we may be afraid that in silence we'll have to deal with hard things in our life that we'd rather avoid. For example, when I spend quiet time with God, I'm often reminded of things I have done wrong. God brings these to mind so that I may confess them and be forgiven, and so that I may talk with Him about how I can do better in the future. But the experience of remembering forgotten sins isn't particularly pleasant. Many of us fill our lives with noise because we don't want to face our fears, our hurts, or our disappointments, in addition to our sins.

He recommended to his congregation that each person take one hour per *month* to be in silence before the LORD. I think this is a good idea, so I am passing this along to you.

It will take some work to carve out a full hour when you will commit yourself to silence. Silence does not necessarily mean rigid and motionless, but the reality is we are more distract-able if we move around. It *does* mean no music or television or radio or other things that provide a “white noise” background to our days. (As I am writing this, I realized I have an Homepod mini playing here in the office.)

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I encourage you to try an hour of silence during this Lenten season. Remembering the road Jesus walked; remembering why Jesus walked that road; and remembering how our lives are different because Jesus walked that road are all topics to get you started.

“For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve.” (I Corinthians 15:3-5). This is the good news we have received, it is the good news we have to share with everyone around us.

May we grow to love God more deeply and know God more intimately as we take time to listen and meditate on His word.

Your brother in Christ,

**Bob Davis**



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER!**



Cynthia Mirabal-Jones joined the FPC staff as our new Bookkeeper on February 1. She and Charlene are busily training on all things FPC with Charlene anticipating retiring around the end of March.

Born and raised in Layton, Utah, Cynthia moved to Carson City 2½ years ago with her husband, Stephen, after living in Las Vegas for over 25 years. She has two adult children who have also moved to the area. She and her husband love living in Northern Nevada, especially Carson City. Cynthia has been a bookkeeper for over 24 years, as well as performing as an administrative executive and human resource manager. She has also worked as an independent contractor for small business owners providing administrative/bookkeeping support. Cynthia is pleased to be working as a member of the office and to be a part of the FPC community. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, and spending time with her husband and dog, Rolo.

We're so glad God brought you to us,  
Cynthia!!

Her office email is  
cynthia@fpccarsoncity.org

***Congregational Giving—General Budget***

2021 Projected

|                          | Budget Need | Given     | Difference  |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>February 14, 2021</i> |             |           |             |
| Yr. to Date              | \$ 71,752   | \$ 56,266 | - \$ 15,486 |
| Current                  | Income      | Expense   | Difference  |
|                          | \$ 56,266   | \$ 58,580 | - \$ 2,314  |

**TO DATE**

| <u>ECO Dues</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                 | \$ 2,160      | \$ 5,200      |

***THANK YOU, ALL!!***

***TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR***

***APRIL***

Is March 12

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# Family Ministries



## Question:

How do you minister in family ministries when we are distanced and not gathering in large groups?

Great question! I started as Family Ministry Coordinator mid-July 2019. I've now spent more time in this position during the pandemic than not. It's really given me time to think and reflect on the state of ministry now and going forward. One of my original goals was to have family events that brought us all together in fun, engaging activities. We had a BBQ, candy making, a board painting party. All of the teachers and children gathered together in one room before Sunday school to sing and pray together. And then.

To be honest with you, there has been a lot of floundering. Being new to ministry, I was just getting my feet wet during normal times. Everything I was working toward was gone. Study and prayer helped. Reaching out to people via video and phone calls was at least a way to connect. Then, fairly quickly, it became apparent that the videoing of services and Wednesday announcements not only wasn't going to go away, it was going to become more important than anything we could have imagined.

We have, within a few short months, established Aunt Betty's Studio, reimagined our website and social media presence, gone live for Sunday services, through Praises and Paper Folding and Wednesday announcements, found outlets for our own video production education, AND started PresbyPod podcast!

Ministering to people, sharing God's love, hasn't changed. How we deliver that message has. From trepidation at all of the technology to excitement at what comes next, we are eager to share this new to us ministry vehicle both within our church and reaching out to our community. How can we best share the Good News of Jesus's redeeming love with those who most need to hear it?

You are a big part of this! Already people are reaching out with project proposals. Others are eager to be involved with the filming/recording and editing process. We have room for anyone - no experience needed. I love the creative process of editing. Once I understood the basic functions of the editing software, branching out into effects has been very easy. But we also need analytical people who can spot the details and make adjustments accordingly. If you feel a calling to this ministry, don't let the technology intimidate you. We are here to help and guide, and eventually take a back seat to those much more talented than ourselves. We have the ability to reach out to so many more than we used to, and you can be directly involved, in small group, distanced, gatherings. How exciting!



And...We ARE meeting for Sunday School again. I'm sending out Virtual Sunday School materials each week for those not yet ready to gather. As we approach Spring, we will be scheduling outdoor activities. If you want to help with hikes, bike rides, lake days, etc. please contact me!

Sherri Gurney  
Family Ministry Coordinator

## The Journey - Part I

As we wait in hope for our world to overcome this virus and open back up, I would like to offer a few observations:

Our entire lives are journeys from the womb to the grave (and beyond). We should live them in awe and wonder for what God has done and is doing in them.

In our journey, we tend to gravitate toward that which we know and to be comfortable with what gives us pleasure and assurance, aside from God. The “concrete” things of life — if you will. We need to take our blinders off and shake off our self-made delusions and seek to view life through the lens of God.

Oh that we would see clearly through the lens of God! I believe that God has given us this time to pause and reflect on what His great gift to all of humanity has done for us. As we enter Lent, I pray we will take the time to ponder, each day, the meaning of this 40-day period of preparation leading up to Easter. During Lent, I will be doing a daily devotional that consists of poetry, Biblical commentary, and reflection. It is by Malcolm Guite and was recommended to me by the Getty Hymn Initiative Group. I would encourage us all to spend time during this season in meditating on the meaning of Lent. In this first part, we will look at the elements of Lent: confession/repentance, ash and the palms.

**Confession/repentance** - from our worldliness, selfishness, “exclusiveness”, our need for power, our pride (both secular and spiritual). Jesus suffers each of these with us and for us as He is tempted by Satan. Jesus makes a choice to resist Satan and call him out; we need to make the same choice. (Guite)

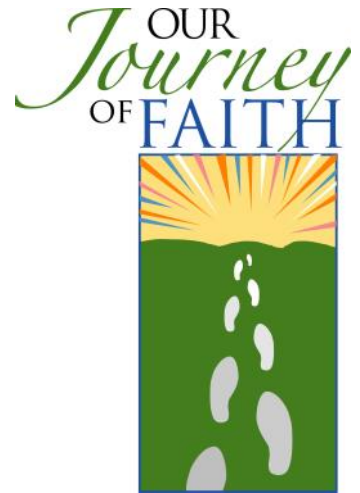
**Ash** - though it is the end of structure, it is also a fertilizer that will renew and give life when added to a garden. Therefore, though it is a symbol of our fallenness, ashes on one’s head were a sign of mourning and grief, ash also opens our hearts to receive the renewal of the Spirit within us that occurs when we confess and repent.

**Palms** - Palm branches symbolized goodness, well-being, grandeur, steadfastness, and victory. They were often found on coins and important buildings. King Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple.(1Kings 6:29). These tokens of joy were customarily used on festive occasions. Kings and conquerors were greeted with them. The people celebrating Jesus thought that He had come as a political leader to overthrow the Romans, not as the suffering servant of mankind. Revelation 7 says palms will be used again to celebrate Jesus. The ancient tradition of weaving the palm fronds from the Palm Sunday celebration into a cross shape reminds us of how quickly the tide turned during Holy Week, when those who had celebrated the Messiah’s entrance into Jerusalem now called for His crucifixion. In many churches, the palms of the previous year’s celebration are burned for the ash of Ash Wednesday.

Next month we will take a look at the elements directly related to Passion Week and Easter. In this season of Lent, may we seek the deeper meaning of our encounters with the Bible and the symbols of this season.

Grace and blessings,

*Karen Dahlen*



## Rehearsal Schedules as of February 15, 2021



### Praise Team

Monday, March 1 - @ 7:00 PM

Monday, March 8 - @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 10 - @ 4:00 PM  
(tape)

Monday, March 29 - @ 7:00 PM

### Small Groups

Wednesday, March 3  
7:00 PM - Women’s Choir  
7:45 PM - Men’s Chorus + tape

Wednesday, March 10  
7:00 PM - SSCG (Group VIII)  
7:45 PM - Women’s Choir + tape

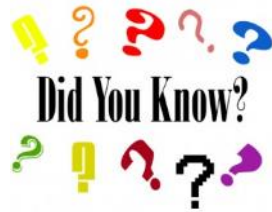
Wednesday, March 24  
7:00 PM - Group III  
7:45 PM - SSCG (Group VIII)

Saturday, March 27  
10:00 AM - SSCG (Group VIII) + tape (if needed)

Tuesday, March 30  
7:00 PM - Group III  
7:45 PM - Group II

### Women’s Trio -

Monday, March 1, 2021 - 11:00 AM  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 11:00 AM + tape (if needed)



The first session of Pastor Bob's Lenten Study was held Feb 24 but you can still sign up to participate via Zoom by sending him your email at [pastorbob@fpccarsoncity.org](mailto:pastorbob@fpccarsoncity.org). The study of Hebrews, paused when COVID hit, will resume by Zoom following Easter.



### Baby Bottles Are Here

It is time once again for us to participate in the Baby Bottle campaign with Life Choices Community Pregnancy Clinic. In 2020 you donated a total of \$2,494.58 by cash and checks. Can we do \$3,000 in 2021? Let's give it our best!



Life Choices theme this year is, "There are unplanned pregnancies but no unplanned people." The staff at Life Choices counsels young women every week to help them make a wise, Spirit-led decision regarding the child they are carrying. However, it doesn't end with counseling. They do ultrasounds, offer classes on raising their baby, help with clothes and diapers and so much more. There is even support for the fathers and family members involved in this very important decision they are making.

Please pick up a baby bottle in the narthex and return it to the church by March 14, 2021. If you are not attending church services you may pick up a bottle at the church office or call Charlene at 781-7875 and she will get one to you. NOTE: if you write a check please write it to Life Choices.

Thank you for your participation in this mission project that helps to save lives.  
Charlene Rodman



### Road to the Cross Cancelled in 2021

After much discussion with Pastor Bob, the committee which organizes the "Road to the Cross" has decided that this is not the year to invite our congregation or community to participate in a large gathering.

As we all know we are still in a season of COVID restrictions. Also, many have not yet had their vaccinations.



This event takes a large group of servants to put together and serve on the day of the event. Most years we have had 200 in attendance. We are all sad we have had to make this cancelation decision.

Please stay with us and in 2022 our community will be in a better position. We will then come back and put this emotional spiritual event on once again. Please watch for more information in the Fall for sign-ups and training for those of you who are new and would like to be apart of this special event leading up to Easter.

Thank You,  
Road to the Cross Committee





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**ON OUR PRAYER LIST**  
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Requested as of 02-16-2021



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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| 102-47-92           | 42-55-52-66-62-77-72 |                      |








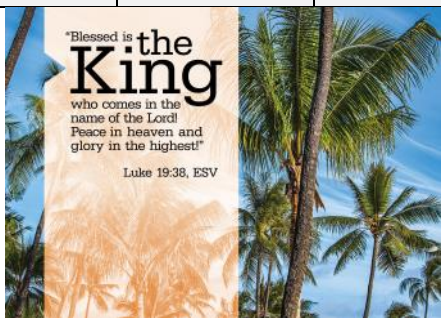
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**alleluia!**  
*Christ has Risen!*

# MARCH

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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|   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6  |
|   | <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Small Group Lenten Bible Study</p>  <p>Peanut Butter Day!</p>                | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>SON Rise Women's Bible Study contact office for this week's location</p>   | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b><br/>Grace Notes</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b><br/>Pastor's Lenten Study Zoom session</p> <p><b>7:00 &amp; 7:45 pm</b><br/>Choral Groups rehearsals &amp; tapings as assigned</p>                             | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Wilson Men's Fellowship</p>                                     | <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>  <p>World Day Prayer</p>       |  |
| 7   | 8  | 9  | 10   | 11  | 12  | 13   |
| <p><b>10:00 am</b><br/>COMMUNION<br/>WORSHIP SERVICE<br/>Sanctuary/ FLC &amp; Livestream<br/>Sunday School<br/>Grades 1-6</p>   | <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Small Group Lenten Bible Study</p>  | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>SON Rise Women's Bible Study contact office for this week's location</p> <p><b>5:30 &amp; 7:00 pm</b><br/>Committee Meetings</p> | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b><br/>Grace Notes</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b><br/>Pastor's Lenten Study Zoom session</p> <p><b>7:00 &amp; 7:45 pm</b><br/>Choral Groups rehearsals &amp; tapings as assigned</p>                             | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Wilson Men's Fellowship</p>                                     | <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>  <p>APRIL TRUMPET DEADLINE</p> | <p><b>10:00 am</b><br/>Memorial Service<br/>Jim Alexander</p>        |
| 14  | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20   |
| <p><b>10:00 am</b><br/>WORSHIP SERVICE<br/>Sanctuary/FLC &amp; Livestream<br/>Sunday School<br/>Grades 1-6<br/><b>11:30 am</b><br/>Deacons Meeting</p>  <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</p> | <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Small Group Weekly Bible Study</p>  | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>SON Rise Women's Bible Study contact office for this week's location</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b><br/>Session Meetings</p>              | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b><br/>Grace Notes</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b><br/>Pastor's Lenten Study Zoom session</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</p>  | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Wilson Men's Fellowship</p>                                     | <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>   |  |
| 21  | 22   | 23   | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27   |
| <p><b>10:00 am</b><br/>WORSHIP SERVICE<br/>Sanctuary/FLC &amp; Livestream<br/>Sunday School<br/>Grades 1-6</p>  | <p><b>11:00:00 am</b><br/>Small Group Lenten Bible Study</p>   | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>SON Rise Women's Bible Study contact office for this week's location</p>   | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b><br/>Grace Notes</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b><br/>Pastor's Lenten Study Zoom session</p> <p><b>7:00 &amp; 7:45 pm</b><br/>Choral Groups rehearsals &amp; tapings as assigned</p>                             | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Wilson Men's Fellowship</p>                                     | <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>   | <p><b>10:00 am</b><br/>Group VIII rehearsal + taping (if needed)</p> |
| 28  | 29   | 30   | 31   |   |   |  |
| <p><b>10:00 am</b><br/>WORSHIP SERVICE<br/>Sanctuary/FLC &amp; Livestream<br/>Sunday School<br/>Grades 1-6am</p>  <p>PALM SUNDAY</p>   | <p><b>11:00 am</b><br/>Small Group Lenten Bible Study</p>  <p>Deadline for Easter Lily orders</p> | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>SON Rise Women's Bible Study contact office for this week's location</p>   | <p><b>8:00 am</b><br/>Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b><br/>Grace Notes</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b><br/>Pastor's Lenten Study Zoom session</p> <p><b>7:00 &amp; 7:45 pm</b><br/>Choral Groups rehearsals &amp; tapings as assigned</p>                             |  |   |  |

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### This Month's Sermons

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|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| March 7  | "A Covenant"        | Genesis 9:1-28 |
| March 14 | "Nations"           | Genesis 10     |
| March 21 | "Babbling"          | Genesis 11:1-9 |
| March 28 | Palm Sunday Worship |                |



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