



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

June 5 is Pentecost. It was the day the Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples like tongues of flame. It was a day that had been foretold hundreds of years before through the prophet Joel. So, for us, it is a day of looking back and looking forward.

Looking back and looking forward; I have been reflecting on this as we send Abby off to USC to begin her new job. I started thinking about the experience of parents – looking back and looking forward.

I have known Jen's parents all my life. As some of you may know, she and I grew up a stone's throw away from each other – literally. Her parents are part of my earliest consciousness.

One of my earliest memories is Jen's father, Len, pushing a manual lawn mower across their front yard in a crisscross pattern. I was fascinated by the care he took and how amazing it looked when he was done. I remember Jen's mother, Maryellen, in their basement typesetting something for someone on one of the first electric typewriters I had ever seen. I remember all the kids and many of the adults in the neighborhood gathering as the swimming pool was dug in their back yard. The Alton's home was right in the center of the neighborhood and served as a gathering of that community on a regular basis and on special occasions.

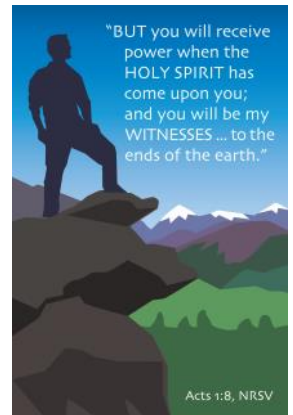
Over the course of years, I have marveled at their relationship. They have been through good times and hard times. They have had arguments and tough things through which to work. But more than anything, I have seen them enjoy each other. He makes her laugh. A lot. She makes him smile. A lot. She rejoices in his successes. He is so proud of her zeal for life and the way she accomplishes so many things seemingly effortlessly. They roll with each other's limitations, even laughing about them at times. He can be a little uptight. She has a tendency to ignore the expiration dates on food.

They are partners. They have been blessed and they give thanks for those blessings. They do not take each other for granted. They talk about everything. Every. Thing.

Two things drew my attention: the richness of the blessings they have experienced thus far; and, they are still on a journey. They tell stories of the adventures they have had. But they also have never gotten to a place, stopped, and said, "Yep. This is it. We made it. Now we can just sit back and coast."

The same can be said for this congregation. First Presbyterian Church has experienced the rich blessings of God throughout its generations. As we look back, there have been good times and hard times. There have been ups and downs. There are plenty of stories. We have had our arguments. But more than anything, I have observed that the people here just genuinely seem to enjoy one another. There is a strong sense of familial love and care for one another. We have our quirks and our idiosyncrasies, but there is the underlying sense we are called together by Christ.

Our mutual care and fellowship has been deepened and made richer by the many opportunities we have had to express compassion, care, sorrow and joy with one another. How important is that fellowship was made apparent through the period of enforced isolation during the COVID lockdown.



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That said, it also is important to remember that the COVID shutdown was temporary, and we are now on the move again. We are in the midst of a journey. We have not arrived at a stopping point. There is adventure ahead to be anticipated and enjoyed. There is more to be done. Specifically, there is more to be done in "opening the gospel to Carson City and beyond." In Reggie McNeal's *This Present Future*, he wrote,

Occasionally when I do consulting for congregations I insist that the church leaders meet off-campus in a restaurant during Sunday church time. I ask the group to look around and then pose the question to them: "Do you think these people struggled with a decision this morning of whether to attend church or to go out for a sausage biscuit?" Are you kidding? The church is not even on their screen.

That is as succinct an explanation for the mission field all around us as I have read. We have an adventure awaiting us; we have not arrived at a stopping point. What miracles, what lives being transformed, what moments of grace remain for this community? We have been sent to "be my witnesses," as Jesus said, "to the ends of the earth." Even after all these years we are just learning what it means to reach the lost in Carson City for Christ.

One final thought: Jen's parents' lives together have been marked by service. There are far too many examples to list them all; just two to give a flavor: when Jen and I were growing up, they were extremely active in Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester. When we moved into San Diego county, they both served in – and as President of – the Kiwanis Club in Escondido. They gave (and give) of their time to help others in need and to improve the community.

Service is in their blood as individuals and as a partnership.

Here at First Presbyterian Church, service is part of our DNA, too. Talk with anyone on the Mission Committee or just consider what we have experienced here in the last few months: the team going to Belize, Lu Hawley and the KLDP coming here, the workday at Zephyr Cove, GraceWorks, NOTS, etc. There have been many ways this congregation has blessed the community and beyond with service and sacrifice. There will be many more.

So, as we look back and we look forward with an eye to where God is leading, we do so with the hope and expectation that we will be Jesus' witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, to Carson City, and to the ends of the earth. Let us tell anyone who will hear about the mighty acts of God. It does not get any more "Pentecostal" than that.

Your brother in Christ,

Bob Davis



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AUGUST
Is July 15
Send your info / articles / submissions to margo@fpccarsoncity.org

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The logo for "PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY" features a globe icon to the left of the word "PRAY" in large, bold, red letters, with "FOR OUR MILITARY" in smaller red letters underneath.

Family Ministries

A look back at some of the fun we've had over the past month, including Easter, our visit with the KLDP, and Mark Twain and the Gold Rush Gals!



Hunting for
Easter eggs



MacAvoy Lane as



Mark Twain



Mary Berge and
Lynne Zonge
are
The Gold Rush Gals!



Our KLDP
Friends
Pang, Chai
and Keeki



When it comes to selecting music for the church, one needs to think back to the times when music was first introduced as part of the church service. Monks were the first to introduce music within a service and creating the way for it to be written down, as to not forget a new melody line in the form of Gregorian Chant. Having been a choir director for over 40 years, music history and its development has always been a part of my life and teaching. I've always included Sacred music within my teaching High School choirs and using their original language of each

composition. Whether it be Latin, German, or Italian, I always tried teaching it in the composer's language, helping the language fit better within the given notes of the composition. Some composition's melodic lines work well when put into another language, without getting in the way of the original composition. The music selections for the choir to sing at these upcoming services are from several periods and styles.

The first piece, "Praise the Lord" from "Judas Maccabeus" by G.F. Handel, lends itself to be arranged and sung in English by Hal H. Hopson very easily. The composition is from the Baroque period and written in a Fugal Style that is a contrapuntal compositional technique in two or more voices, built on a subject (a musical theme) that is introduced at the beginning in imitation (repetition at different pitches) and which recurs frequently in the course of the composition.

The second piece, "Majesty" by Jack W. Hayford, a choral setting by Jack Schrader, is a composition set in a Contemporary Style. This choral arrangement is very full, and dramatically effective to the discerning listener.

The third piece, "Wade in the Water," is a Traditional Spiritual, adapted and arranged by Roger Emerson. This piece starts off with a simple style and rhythm that eventually becomes more complicated rhythmically and melodically. This piece also includes an instrumental background provided by the Praise Team, that helps accompany the spiritual's emotional feeling.

In closing, I plan to bring various styles of music to help enhance the musical growth within the church's ministry, and I'm looking forward to working with the individual choir members and their growth within this part of the music ministry.

Stewart Peebles



The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Come join them—they will be singing through the summer so there are plenty of opportunities to be involved!

Contact Stewart at stewart@fpccarsoncity.org or 775-882-1032 if you have any questions.

Wednesday Pastor Studies will take a break in June and return July 13 with a seven-week series called "Walking with God through the Desert." (There is a companion book available but it is not necessary for the class.) Pastor Bob will share details closer to the class beginning.



JUNE 5 is seven weeks (50 days) after Easter and is the Feast of Pentecost — and the day this year on which we remember the events given to us in the second chapter of the Book of Acts.

– 40 days after his resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven but before he ascends, Jesus promises that he will not leave us "comfortless" but will send the Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide us and the church.

– Ten days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the people gathered. *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.*

It is a custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear **RED** on the Day of Pentecost to remind us of the fire of the Spirit. In addition, a congregation with many dressed in **RED** is colorful, and perhaps most of all, **it is fun!**

IT WAS A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN THAT NIGHT!!!

MARK TWAIN AND THE GOLD RUSH GALS ENTERTAINED!



PEOPLE WERE DRESSED IN THEIR
"SUNDAY BEST."

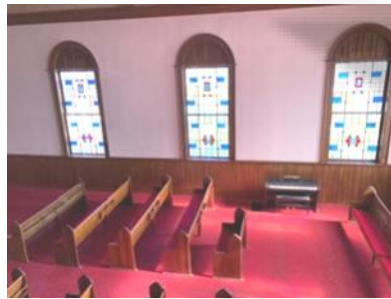


MANY ARTIFACTS RELATING TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WERE ON
DISPLAY.

THE OLD SANCTUARY LOOKS
BEAUTIFUL THANKS TO LOTS OF
LOVE AND ELBOW GREASE.
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
HELPED WITH THE MAKE-OVER!
JUST THINK HOW IT WILL LOOK
WHEN PRESERVATION EFFORTS
ARE DONE!



SPECIAL THANKS TO GRACE & BOB
SPEICHER, CHARLENE RODMAN AND RON
ROBERTS FOR ALL THEIR WORK!



ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of May 19, 2022

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May In Memoriam:
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UPcoming EVENTS



COME TO THE RUMMAGE SALE June 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If you have donations for the sale they may be dropped off to the Family Life Center on June 2 & 3, 9:00 - 12 noon. Call Grace Speicher to volunteer to help.



JUNE 12 at 2:00pm

We are having an **Interfaith Potluck** with the 1st Methodist and St. Peter's Episcopal congregations! We will meet on the lawn at St. Peter's and will enjoy whatever food everyone brings to share! Stay tuned for more details!!

Aces Game: June 17 at 6:35

Tickets are \$18. See the Stansburys to sign up for this fun event, including Fireworks Friday!



It's time for our next FRIENDSHIP SUPPERS! Would you like to become better acquainted with others from our FPC church family? If so, sign up for either hosting or attending our next Friendship Supper which will be held on either **Friday, June 24 or Saturday, June 25**.— your choice. Sandy Ehresman will be taking sign ups after the service starting June 5. For more information call Sandy at 775-225-0635 or Diane Young 775-882-4659.



July 3—TENTATIVE post-worship interfaith picnic with our "neighbors," the 1st Methodists and St. Peter's Episcopalians. Details are being developed so stay tuned!



Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, July 4



The annual **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** is happening on **JULY 16!** Who will be this year's champion ice cream maker?? There will be lots of great BBQ, games, and fun galore to be enjoyed so be sure to join us for this event!



Tentative August 1-5 Art Camp.

This is an event idea being considered. If you would be interested in assisting in the development of this event opportunity, please contact Sherri Gurney, Family Ministries Coordinator, at 775-882-1032.



August 20
FPC Church Picnic!
Details will be coming soon but save the date now!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
5:00 - 8:00 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Entrance fee will be \$1.00 or a can of food to be donated to the *Northern Nevada Dream Center - bringing hope, relief and God's love to our local community.*

Would you like to be a vendor for this fair? Applications are currently being accepted. See www.fpccarsoncity.org for details.

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Trumpet & Sunday bulletin articles can be sent to margo@fpccarsoncity.org and may be edited for space. See calendar for due dates. Trumpet mailing prepared by a team led by George & Connie Stanton.

Upcoming Sermons

June 5	"Light of the World"	John 8:12-20
June 12	"Truth Will Set You Free"	John 8:21-38
June 19	"Abraham's Children"	John 8:39-59
June 26	"One Thing I Do Know"	John 9:1-41
July 3	"Good Shepherd"	John 10:1-18
July 10	"For Which Good Work?"	John 10:19-42
July 17	"Lazarus"	John 11:1-44
July 24	"Mary"	John 12:1-8
July 31	"Walk While You Have The Light"	John 12:9-36

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