



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our family is celebrating the birth of Quinn Ellen Russo (September 13). It is a joyous and wonderful moment for all of us.

Looking into her face while I was holding her on Day 1, I could not help but marvel at both the complexity of her being and the helplessness of her situation. She would stretch her legs and her arms, she would breath and make little noises, and you could see her trying to adapt to this new situation. At the same time, she was unable to communicate, unable to provide for herself, and unable to do anything that would allow her to survive on her own.

Isn't that just like us? That realization started a whole progression of thought.

Psalm 139 comes to mind:

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

We are complex beings. We are complex beings capable of marvelous things, powerful things, and important things. Yet, with all that capability, we are lost and helpless without God. We are utterly dependent upon God for our very breath, life, consciousness, and physical survival.

Quinn is not able to comprehend her helplessness; at least, she is not capable of articulating it. Those of you reading this are in a different position: we have an appreciation of our capabilities, our limitations, and – most importantly – our helplessness in the face of eternity. But Quinn is not alone – and none of us are alone either.

As I watched Brooke and Josh taking turns holding Quinn, love overflowed from the very core of their being. I remember the same observation with Ellie six years ago. And, even as they were marveling at the beauty of Quinn, they were delighting in Ellie. They know the blessings they have been given in these sweet children. They are moved to take care of them, watch over them, and to guide them through these next years until (if

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Christ should tarry) they are on their own. They are committed to loving them fully. There will never come a time when they do not love their girls.

Brooke and Josh's love for Quinn and Ellie is a small version of God's love for each one of us and all of us. In a so much deeper and more profound way, God is marveling at you, and delighting in me. God is taking care of us, watching over us, and guiding us through our years. "By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter 1:3-5) There will never come a time when God does not love us.

How rich is that relationship with God? How awesome it is to know that we are loved so much.

That thought led me to this: how heartbreaking it is to watch those who do *not* know (or refuse) the precious love of God. Theirs is a lonely, desperate, frustrating struggle for meaning and purpose. Self-satisfaction is only temporary and ultimately empty. Pleasing others is not an answer either, because we can never truly satisfy someone else – they will always need more than we can offer. None of us are ever complete without God. None of us are truly satisfied until we rest in Him.

So, just as Brooke and Josh are teaching their children about who they are, what they can do, and where they can go; so also God is guiding us. Jesus is the pioneer and the perfecter, the author and one bringing to completion, the alpha and omega, who is teaching us about who we are, what we can do, and where we are going. Thus, whether we are one day old or more than a hundred years old, we rest in the comfort and knowledge that God is still guiding us, teaching us, growing us, and loving us.

That is such good news that we are called to share it – to open the gospel – to Carson City and beyond. I was renewed in that thought seeing Quinn's little face; how I felt just reminded me of God's great love cascading over me.

Your brother in Christ,

Bob Davis



TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR
DECEMBER
 Is November 13
 Send your info / articles / submissions
 to margo@fpccarsoncity.org

Congregational Giving—General Budget

| 2022 Projected | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Budget Need | Given | Difference |
| <i>September 15, 2022</i> | | | |
| Yr. to Date | \$330,355 | \$297,738 | - \$ 32,617 |
| <u>Current</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| | \$ 17,766 | \$ 13,657 | - \$ 4,109 |
| <u>ECO DUES TO DATE</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> | |
| | \$ 1,910 | \$ 5,200 | |

FAMILY MINISTRIES

AUGUST ALLITERATION ADVENTURE



The judges took their job very seriously.



So much good food!



The casseroles were delicious!



We enjoyed the films.



Casserole winners!
Donna, Joe, Suzie



Beautiful music with Faye and Jamie!



GRANDPARENTS' DAY





The Carols of the Advent Season

During this fall season, we are busily getting ready for the Christmas Advent calendar, which is quickly approaching. I am pleased to announce that the Chancel Choir continues to grow in size, strength, and talent since the choir year has officially started. While already learning the Christmas Cantata, the choir is also working on additional Advent and Christmas music. Some of the Advent pieces that will be sung during worship services will be some of the movements of the Cantata, others will be traditional carols of old - traditional and familiar. Besides carols and choir anthems being sung by the Choir and Praise Team, there will be special music by different instruments, groups, along with our church bell choir, the Grace Notes, directed by Paul Weaver.

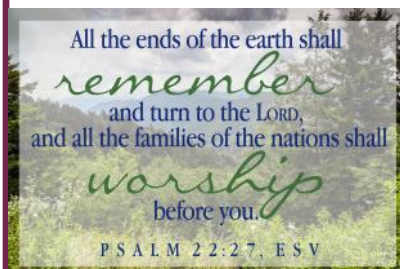
The Cantata will be performed by our First Presbyterian Church musicians, along with people from outside of our congregation within our community, and members of the Trinity Lutheran Church Choir of Gardnerville, as part of our outreach as a music ministry. The Cantata will be performed Tuesday evening, December 13th at 7:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, and on Thursday evening December 15th at 7:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville.

The Grace Notes started bell choir rehearsals in August and are now preparing for the October 2nd worship service. They will be performing, "All Creatures of My Father's World," arranged by our bell choir director, Paul Weaver. This piece, being performed as a prelude, is very beautiful with much movement throughout the piece, and is both challenging and rewarding for the ringers within the group. We look forward to hearing them play this exciting and new arrangement.

I encourage those that have been thinking about joining the choir to join now and to take part in the beginning of this choral season.

God's Blessings,

Stewart



Fall Stewardship 2023

Our theme for the 2023 stewardship campaign is "**Remember.**"

Deuteronomy 8:18 says "You shall **remember** the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day." We all know that God expects/ commands us to give. Often times we only think of this as financial, but we are to give of ALL that God has given us. That includes our talents, our time, our knowledge, our abilities, our prayer time, etc. Use this time as you fill out your pledge card to prayerfully consider all the ways you can support the growth of God's church.

As elders prepare for the 2023 budget, your pledges give us an idea of what funds we have to use for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. At each session meeting your elders review the giving and spending and make any changes as required.

Always **remember** that your gifts are a gift to God in thanksgiving for all He has given to you. God has assigned elders and deacons to faithfully dispense these funds according to His Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit, so please pray monthly that their actions reflect God's wisdom.

Pledge cards will be mailed to you mid-October as well as being available in the pews and Narthex. Stewardship Dedication Sunday will be November 20. Thank you for supporting God's work through First Presbyterian Church.

George Stanton, Elder



Craft Work Day

Calling All Crafters!

Need some space to spread out for preparing a craft project? Got a craft you're working on to surprise family with and you want to keep it a secret? Maybe you'd just like to spend some time working and fellowshiping with others doing their various crafts?

Come to the next Crafting Day in the Fellowship Hall on October 15— 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Bring whatever craft you want to work on—we supply the table space and the electricity.

Sign up in the Family Life Center—space is limited and it's first-come, first-served.

Feel free to bring a potluck dish for lunch or a yummy snack to share with everyone!

Holiday Art & Craft Fair

*Handmade Gifts for that special person
Twenty-one local vendors*

First Presbyterian Church Carson City
115 N. Division Street, Carson City

Friday, October 21, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 22, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Entrance fee \$1.00

or a can of food to be donated to the
Northern Nevada Dream Center -

Accepting applications for upcoming craft fair.

See www.fpccarsoncity.org for details.

All items must be handmade by the crafter/artist.

HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT FAIR



Plans are coming along for the October Holiday Craft Fair to help fund the Old Sanctuary Preservation.

To make this Fair successful, **volunteers are needed** to help set up (marking vendor spaces, clearing out the Fellowship Hall and then putting things back before Sunday), to take fair visitors' entry fee, to sell raffle tickets, and to assist in selling church craft donations.

If you are a craft person and would like to donate an item or two to sell or for the raffle, that would be awesome! Or, if you are a craft person looking for a way to sell your holiday wares, special vendor rates are available for First Presbyterian Church members. We are asking for an item to be donated to the raffle and 10% of your sales; space rental will be waived.

See or call Grace Speicher for details and to volunteer. Information is also available at www.fpccarsoncity.org.

OUR FIRST MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT IN THIS POST-ROE ERA
COME AND CELEBRATE WITH THE MINISTRY OF LIFE CHOICES!



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER GALA

"Fostering a Culture for Life"
with special guest speaker

ATTORNEY, DENISE HARLE

From Alliance Defending Freedom,
where she is the director of the Center for Life,
Part of the legal team that overturned Roe v. Wade.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022
6:30 - 9:00 PM

Registration and Appetizers start at 6:00 PM

ATLANTIS CASINO, RENO - 3800 S. VIRGINIA ST.

FriendsOfLifeChoices.org



Here's an opportunity to further support one of FPC's Mission Partners

With the ever-changing landscape surrounding family planning and choice, support for organizations like Life Choices is more important than ever.

Contact Charlene Rodman for information on participating in this always-interesting event at a table or in some other way. Seats at a table are on a first-come, first-served basis.



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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 09-19-2022

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Fire and Law Enforcement, First Responders, Front-line Caregivers; our
Local, State, and National leaders



Active-Duty Military: Names removed for privacy

Do you have an active-duty military family member or friend you would like to put into our prayer list as well as having their picture posted in the hallway? Contact Kathy Rothchild or the office 775-882-1032.



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Love
the Lord your God
with all your HEART
and with all your SOUL
and with all your MIND
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse



As of the end of September, shoeboxes are ready to pick up and fill!

Each box that you fill enables the gospel to reach children, their families and friends around the world with the gospel. In many of the areas people have never heard the gospel before. Last year we were able to send 80 boxes because of your faithfulness.

If you would like to get a box, or like more information call Lynne Weaver

The deadline for returning all boxes to First Presbyterian Church is November 15.



Our church is once again signed up to provide Christmas gifts to children of inmates through the Prison Ministries Angel Tree Project. We will be supplying a total of 20 gifts consisting of one toy and an article of clothing for each child. Each gift should cost around \$10.

The names will be sent to us at the end of October or beginning of November and will be distributed after receipt.



Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Families need to be contacted to coordinate pick up of the gifts - it would be very helpful to have someone who speaks Spanish! We hope to have all the names chosen before Thanksgiving (on the 6th and 13th of November) so gifts may be purchased and returned after Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 27th or December 4th to allow the gifts to be picked up December 11th and 18th.

Contact Sharon Hughes for more information or to sign up as a volunteer



Throughout the holiday season we will continue to support the Northern Nevada Dream Center with your donations of canned and packaged food, paper goods and toiletries.

These items may be brought and put into the blue barrel in the Sanctuary on any Sunday. Items are delivered to the Dream Center to help those in local hotels and apartments that continue to need extra help.

Just a reminder - they cannot use plastic grocery bags – they do continue to need brown paper grocery bags.



Looking for a way to get involved at FPC?

VOLUNTEER IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

Coffee Fellowship: food prep, set up/clean up, serving, etc.
Sign up in FLC or Contact Linda Ritter

Audio/Visual Team: running the soundboard, livestream broadcast tasks, or PowerPoint slides for Sunday morning and misc church events. Contact Joel Kirk (sound), Paul Weaver (PPT) or Pastor Bob (livestream)

Aunt Betty's Studio: readers, story tellers, video editors, creative thinkers, skit participants, people to help with set up, and more. Contact Sherri Gurney

Sunday Morning Ushers and Greeters: welcome everyone to church with a smile, distribute bulletins, assist with seating, offering collection, etc. Contact Ken Pearson

Buildings and Grounds: help take care of innumerable things behind the scenes to keep the church in shape for worship, including periodic work days. Contact Bob Stroh

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This Month's Sermons

October 2 John 17: 1-25

"High Priestly Prayer"

October 9 John 18: 1-18

"Arrest and Denial"

October 16 John 18: 19 - 19: 16

"Trials"

October 23 John 19: 16b-42

"Crucifixion"

October 30 John 20: 1-18

"I Have Seen the Lord!"

See us and
"Like" us on



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 8:30 am: Adult Sunday School – Fellowship Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Gathering – room by Nursery 9:45 am: Grades 1-3 Sunday School 10:00 am: Communion Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship | 11:00 am: Women's Bible Study – Library | 8:30 am: SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies Taco Day | 8:00 am: Men's Bible Study – Mallard's 9:00 am: Grace Notes Rehearsal – Narthex 10:00 am: Pastor's Study – FH 5:00 pm: CIRCLES Mtg – FLC & Library 6:30 pm: Pastor's Study – PresbyPod Studio & Zoom 7:00 pm: Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary | 8:00 am: Wilson Men's Fellowship – Mallard's 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary | OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 am: Berean Men's Bible Study – Library | World Octopus Day |
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