



# The Trumpet

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thanksgiving.

When we think of November, we think of Thanksgiving. It is a time to reflect on the blessings we have received. For me, the words of the old hymn accurately reflect the tone: "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices; who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way, with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today." Thank God for blessing us. Thank God for being with us.

Thank God *for being with us*. I was thinking about that during my devotional time recently when I was brought up short reading Psalm 81. Is God with us – or – are we with God? They seem like the same thing, but are they?

A couple things in the Psalm made me stop and think. It begins with words of praise for God, "Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob." Then, there are a couple of verses that talk about how we can praise God. So far, so good; it is good to worship and praise God.

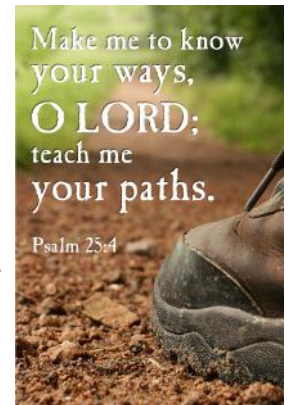
But then, in verse 8, things change. The Psalmist moves from being the speaker to the listener. God speaks – and not with comforting words:

- 8 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
- 11 "But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.
- 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.
- 13 O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

This struck a little close to home because I know my own tendency to thank God for being with me – for having the attitude of being grateful that God blesses me on my terms. But look: God admonishes the people of Israel for not listening and not submitting to His counsel.

What does "not listening" and "not submitting" look like? It means getting comfortable in the status quo. It means maintaining things the way they are because things are familiar and predictable. God may be familiar in some respects, but we have to remember that God always will remain mysterious and unpredictable.

Walking in God's ways often requires us to go into new environments, take new paths, to go where we are unsure of how things will turn out – in short, to walk by faith and not by sight.



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*From the Pastor's Desk (continued)*

Abraham left his father's house and all he knew for a land God *would* show him. Moses leading the people out of Egypt required Israel to go out into the unknown desert. They eventually made it to the Promised Land, but not before they struggled with desert living, learning how to obey God's voice, and to follow where God led. Jesus' road to the cross – and through the cross to the resurrection – required trust and conviction that God is both good and faithful. Paul went boldly from town to town, never knowing ahead of time whether the gospel would be welcome or violently rejected.

It remains true today. Walking in God's ways often requires us to go into new environments, take new paths, to go where we are unsure of how things will turn out – in short, to walk by faith and not by sight. We are in a similar moment. Ministry and mission going forward are going to look different than anything that has come before. Opening the gospel to Carson City and beyond is going into uncharted discipleship territory for us. We cannot wait for people to come to the building; we are going out to see where are the people God is leading us to reach.

Further, how we discern God's hand at work must look different. We cannot measure success by the number of people in the pews because many continue to participate in worship via the livestream. We cannot measure success by the number of people at fellowship events or Bible studies. Yet, this has caused us to look differently at the metrics we use. For example, we are looking at ways for people to participate individually and in small groups. Liturgists, Elders of the Day, Mission Messages, and the Great Cloud of Witnesses project have all been vehicles for individuals to be involved in opening the gospel to Carson City and Beyond. The variety and combination of music styles, music groups, and musicians has expanded the number of people who are worshiping by lifting their voices and instruments for God's glory. People are writing, directing, producing, and promoting the Aunt Betty's Studios material such that we have something new posted most days each week. Some of these were pre-pandemic ways of being involved; others have come about because we have had to change.

Ultimately, my point is that listening to God may require us to go into new environments, take new paths, and go where we are unsure of how things will turn out – in short, to walk by faith and not by sight. Even though we are not in control, we know the One who is; and that means we can rejoice and give thanks in the unknown.

Take time to give thanks for God being God, and for conforming us to His purposes.

Your brother in Christ,

**Bob Davis**



**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held immediately following worship service Sunday, November 21st . The purpose is to elect Elders/Deacons and the 2022 Nominating Commission. The Deacons Thanksgiving Meal will be served directly after this meeting.



**Congregational Giving—General Budget**

2021 Projected			
	Budget Need	Given	Difference
<i>October 17, 2021</i>			
Yr. to Date	\$430,511	\$309,912	- \$120,599
<u>Current</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$309,912	\$328,758	- \$ 18,837
<u>TO DATE</u>			
<u>ECO Dues</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	
	\$ 2,930	\$ 5,200	

**TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR**  
**DECEMBER**

Is November 13

Send your info / articles / submissions  
to [margo@fpccarsoncity.org](mailto:margo@fpccarsoncity.org)

# Family Ministries

## Star Wars Movie Night



Raffle Winner  
Kieran Creek



Bingo Winner  
Sandy Hatchell



Trivia Winner  
SamChenin  
(Han Solo)

### Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

#### **Advent Workshop**

**November 27, 10am-12pm**

To volunteer or to donate supplies, please see Sherri. This will be an easy fun event where you can make your own Advent wreath, "stained glass" star, and Nativity scene. Fun for all ages!

#### **Caroling**

**December 17, 6pm**

Join us as we sing Christmas carols around the West Side, then enjoy hot cocoa and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in the Family Life Center.

We have been enjoying a wide variety of fun activities for all ages. If you have an idea for an upcoming event, please let Sherri know so we can make it happen! And don't be shy about bringing a friend, family member, or neighbor!

## Lattin Farms



## THANKS PRAISE TEAM FOR ANOTHER GREAT MONTH OF MUSICAL LEADERSHIP!

This month we meet Susie Zallar and Donald Scherer.



Susie Zallar was immersed in Christianity her whole life. At the age of five, she remembers walking down the aisle of a very large American Baptist Church and accepting Jesus Christ as her Savior, in front of her father who happened to be the pastor, and was baptized. She and her three siblings thrived in a family with strong Christian values. She loved singing the hymns at the church services and going to Christian camps.

Susie taught high school and middle school Home Economics and PE for 38 years and raised four children. As an adult, however, she made a series of wrong choices living her life and having fun in the more attractive worldly lifestyle. While her faith remained, her reliance on the Lord wavered. She had many medical challenges during this time with surgeries and developed pancreatitis as a result of taking pain medications.

After retirement, Susie re-evaluated her life and where it was going. She took a road trip to Reno, Nevada. On her way, she stopped in Carson City and fell in love with this beautiful place. She checked out housing with her Realtor and looked at one house that was not yet on the market. Well, she bought the house the same week and moved to Carson City one month later. She began seeking God with enthusiasm; reading the Bible, attending Bible study classes, reading books, and started attending First Presbyterian Church.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose Romans 8:28. Susie now sings with the choir and praise team where her harmonies fill the sanctuary. She also serves as one our Deacons. She is the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren, one of whom is a newborn.



Donald Scherer grew up in Nevada with three brothers and two sisters, attending high school in Incline Village. He always felt he was the 'black sheep' of the family, reporting that he gave his mother a "lot of grief." He seemed to always be getting into trouble. He later learned that some of his troubles were related to a mental illness.

At one point in his life, Donald was homeless and dealt with addiction issues. He was given an opportunity to be closer to a family member and was given a bus ticket to where he wanted to go. He choose the big city of Merced near his sister. Donald says that going there was "the closest to God's Mercy as it gets."



Donald came to know God when he started participating with the Gospel Mission where they served people in recovery and those who were homeless. He was invited to sing in their choir and they traveled to many churches, singing and giving their testimony. He was motivated to continue by the many lives he was able to touch through this ministry. Donald states that, "he was overwhelmed by the grace of God; that God picked him to give hope to others." He started attending Central Presbyterian Church in Merced where he enjoyed the worship structure he needed. He relates to the lyrics from 'In Christ Alone' that affirms, "No power of Hell, no scheme of man, can ever take me from His hands." He moved back to Nevada and joined First Presbyterian Church. You can see Donald in the choir, on praise team, and spreading the Good News of Jesus everywhere he goes.



### **Christmas Poinsettias**

The Deacons place poinsettias in the Sanctuary for worship services in December. You can purchase one in memory or honor of your loved ones, which will be acknowledged in a bulletin insert. After the Christmas Eve service you will be able to take the poinsettia or leave it to be delivered to someone determined by the Deacons.

Watch for the form to purchase the poinsettias in your November bulletins or the December Trumpet. The deadline will be December 13th. At the time of publication, the cost was not yet determined and will be reflected on the form. Thank you!



## DON'T FORGET



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7th.

Remember to turn your clocks **back** the evening of Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> before bedtime!



If you are interested in becoming a Covenant Partner (member) of this congregation, there will be a class on **Sunday, November 14**; following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please make a note on a pew card and drop it in the offering plate – or – call the office to let us know that you intend on attending so that we can have the right amount of materials.

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** is an outreach ministry of Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled "shoe boxes" to children all over the world. These boxes are distributed at special events where the Good News of Jesus is shared with the children.

For some children, this is the first gift they have ever received.

You can be a part of this ministry and even follow your box as it makes it's way around the world. **Pick up your box or boxes in the Narthex, fill it, and return it by November 14.** Put your filled boxes on the stage or leave it with the office. Please remember the \$9 shipping & handling fee which can be paid in cash or by a check made out to Samaritan's Purse (not the church).

In each box you will find a brochure on how to fill the box; if you need more ideas go to [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). If you would rather build a box on line go to [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline).

Let's see how many boxes we can fill to bring the gospel to children.  
If you have questions contact Lynne Weaver.

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## ANGEL TREE with PRISON FELLOWSHIP

IS GEARING UP & VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED STARTING IN OCTOBER!!

Lots of volunteers are needed behind-the-scenes to prepare for and carry out the Angel Tree event.

### Here's how you can participate:

**End of October through November 12** - FPC receives information about eligible recipients in October. We need 3-4 volunteers to contact caregivers and confirm whether the family is participating this year or not.

**November 14 and 21** – We need 3-4 volunteers in the Narthex before and after Worship to hand out the request "ornaments" and track who takes each request.

Contact Sharon Hughes to volunteer and secure the date or activity that is best for you.

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## THE CHILI COOKOFF IS COMING BACK!

Mark your calendars for **February 5, 2022**. Plans are being made for a great time to be had by all. There will be the chili competition, silent auction, a raffle table, music and, of course, great food! We will be looking for volunteers to help make this a success—at this point, just contact the office to let us know you'd like to be involved!

All proceeds will go to the Old Sanctuary Fund.



Names & dates removed for privacy

**ON OUR PRAYER LIST**  
Names removed for privacy

Requested as of 10-20-2021



Names & dates removed for privacy

A memorial for Bette Denning will be held on **November 6 at 3:30 pm** in the FPC Sanctuary. The family invites you to attend the service and following reception.

*PLEASE NOTE: The family has asked that this be a **mask-required** event to protect the health of some of their family members.*



We wish to thank everyone for all your calls, notes, cards, and rides to church. FPC is a caring, loving church. We are grateful and thankful for all of you and your care and concern. Thank you!  
Dave & Charlotte Fenlon

**Catching up with Cristian Garcia!**

He's doing great at Dartmouth and sent pictures of homecoming. He received the cookies and quilt and loves it, saying: "Thank You guys so much!! I just received the package that you guys sent. Thank you guys for the awesome quilt and goodies. Just in time as it is starting to get cooler. Homecoming is this week, but I am trying to get as much work done as possible before all the fun events."



**THANK YOU TO THESE LADIES FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THIS QUILT!**

*Connie Stanton, Charlene Rodman, the Monday Ladies Bible study: Pat Skinkis, Grace Speicher, Dede Stevens, Jo Hutto, Anna Sylvester, Barbara MacSween, Susan Secoy, Debbie Audet*



# HERE'S THE NEWS



The Desert Schooners, a fellowship and service organization, has been known in this church for many, many years. Due to the pandemic, health reasons and lack of interest, remaining Desert Schooners have voted to disband and will no longer be in operation. The group has donated over \$3,100 to the restoration of the Old Sanctuary.

Desert Schooners became part of the National Presbyterian Mariners on September 30, 1961 and served in many capacities such as elders, deacons, choir, janitorial work, lawn maintenance, painters, etc. It was aptly put: "We have helped where needed in the life of this historic church." Up until the year 2000 they had donated nearly \$25,000 to projects in the church including the commercial stove in the kitchen. Since then they have also been the sponsor of the Chili Cookoff which has been a popular fellowship and fundraising activity for the church.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this group over the years. Even though the Desert Schooners is disbanding, the church will continue to have the Cookoff!

Regretfully submitted,

Sandy Ehresman, Wagon Master

## 2021-2022 Nights Off The Street (NOTS) Update

This time of year, as the trees began to change color and drop their leaves, as the morning temperatures hover at and below freezing, the plight of those who have no place to call their own again returns to the forefront of my thoughts. I am encouraged and challenged by the words in 1Peter 4:8-10 *"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of GOD, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."*

We have once again been given the opportunity through the NOTS program to Open the Gospel to Carson City and beyond. We have been blessed by the generations since our founding in 1861, with wonderful facilities that we are able to open to those in need throughout the year. The shelter will open on November 1st at St. Teresa's. Your Session unanimously approved hosting the NOTS shelter at FPC this year for the month of December. Please be praying for another successful year, that both volunteers and guests would have a wonderful experience and be filled with your peace and love. To get information about training or to volunteer this year at FPC or at any of the other hosting churches, please email [notscarson@gmail.com](mailto:notscarson@gmail.com) or call the NOTS phone number (775) 600-2632. Thank you for your help and prayers during the 2021-2022 NOTS winter season.



When we married last year, due to COVID we did not get to invite our church family to share in the celebration. We are renewing our vows on our first anniversary immediately after the worship service on **November 7**, followed by cake in the Family Life Center. Please mark your calendar—we would love to have you join us and to also have you sign our wedding quilt, which was lovingly made by Connie Stanton.

*Sherri & Joe Gurney*

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**This Month's Sermons****November 7****"Christ has Set Us Free" Galatians 5: 1-15****November 14****"Fruit of the Spirit" Galatians 5: 16-25****November 12****"Carry the Marks" Galatians 6: 1-18****November 28—first Sunday of Advent****"For My Arm They Hope" Isaiah 51: 1-6**

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## Stewardship 2022

Our theme for the 2022 stewardship campaign is "Planting now to reap at harvest time." If we want beautiful spring flowers, we need to invest now and plant the bulbs. We can't wait until the spring to plant. It is the same with God's church. We may not see the fruit of our labor, but that does not stop us from planting now when the weather is warm before the cold and snow comes!

As we receive our 2022 stewardship packages, let us prayerfully consider how we can support His church. Not just financially, but also with all the other needs of our growing church. Pastor Bob mentions areas where we have seen growth this year and these areas are open to all of us to support.

As elders prepare for the 2022 budget, your pledges give us an idea of what funds we can use for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your session understands that things can change during 2022 as they have the last few years. With the cost of living going up, this will be a real issue in 2022.

Always remember that your gifts are a gift to God in thanksgiving for all He has given to you.

George Stanton

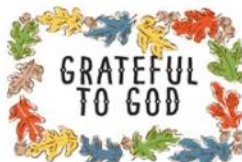


### ***It's Time for the Annual Deacons Thanksgiving Meal In the Family Life Center Following the Congregational Meeting***

It is a wonderful time of thanksgiving, fellowship and great food! If you wish to do so, we ask that those whose last name begin with the following letters:

A-M bring potatoes or stuffing, N-R bring a dessert, and S-Z bring a salad.

**Or just bring your specialty!** The deacons will provide the turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, rolls & gravy. Please know you do not have to bring a dish to join us for this lovely meal. Please contact Sandy Cashion, Deacon Moderator, with any questions at 925-446-1817.



# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	2	3	4	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>8:30 am</b> SON Rise Women's Bible Study - location varies  <b>5:30 pm</b> Session Meeting	<b>8:00 am</b> Men's Bible Study - Mallard's  <b>9:00 am</b> Grace Notes  <b>10:00 am</b> Pastor's Study Group - FH  <b>6:30 pm</b> Pastor's Study Group - Presbypod & Zoom	<b>8:00 am</b> Wilson Men's Fellowship - Mallard's  <b>7:00 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Berean Bible Study - FPC Library	<b>3:30 pm</b> Memorial Service and Reception Bette Denning  <b>9:30 am</b> Ron Bell Writer's Workshop - FLC
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						
<b>8:30 am</b> Sunday School - Adult  <b>10:00 am</b> COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE  <b>11:30 am</b> Coffee Fellowship - FLC  <b>11:30 am</b> Vow Renewal for Sherri & Joe Gurney - Sanctuary	<b>7:00 pm</b> Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>8:30 am</b> SON Rise Women's Bible Study - location varies  <b>5:30 &amp; 7:00 pm</b> Committee Meetings	<b>8:00 am</b> Men's Bible Study - Mallard's  <b>9:00 am</b> Grace Notes  <b>10:00 am</b> Pastor's Study Group - FH  <b>6:30 pm</b> Pastor's Study Group - Presbypod & Zoom	<b>8:00 am</b> Wilson Men's Fellowship - Mallard's  <b>1:30 pm</b> Women's Bible Study - Library  <b>7:00 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Berean Bible Study - FPC Library    When Pigs Fly Day	
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28	29	30				
						
<b>8:30 am</b> Sunday School - Adult  <b>10:00 am</b> WORSHIP SERVICE  <b>11:30 am</b> Coffee Fellowship - FLC  <i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary	<b>8:30 am</b> SON Rise Women's Bible Study - location				

FH=Fellowship Hall      FLC = Family Life Center      PBP=Presbypod Room, upstairs  
 To confirm availability and reserve use of a room, contact Margo in the church office - 882-1032