



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Well, it happened. The change took place.

After all the planning, after all the praying, after all the thinking and all the efforts put into making the transition smooth, it happened and here we are. Now, what?

First, it is important to note what has not changed. Just as this was not Bruce's church, this is now not *my* church. This is Jesus' church. It always has been, is now, and always will be. I serve here. My role is to shepherd and steward this congregation faithfully to His call and leading. The message is as it has always been: we have good news to share because God loves us so much that he does not leave us dead in our sin. We have been forgiven and redeemed in Christ. We have hope in Christ. We have joy in Christ. We have life in Christ. The victory Jesus has won, He has given to us.



Second, you may have started to notice some things *are* different. Change was inevitable. Bruce and I are different people. For example, I do not own a motorcycle. Perhaps some of you have noticed other things. I am confident you all will be able to adapt. The reason I have that confidence is because of the first thing I noted above.

Third, the time of living in a holding pattern waiting for the new guy is now concluded. Remember: you read it here first.

I am excited to embark with you on this new chapter in the life of First Presbyterian Church, Carson City. These months in transition have afforded me a wonderful opportunity to meet with people, to find out how you all have been operating, and to learn some of the history. The gifts God has given people in this congregation are exciting to discover. The willingness you all have shown to step up and get involved is encouraging.

So, what are we going to be doing? We are going to be doing the work of the church: being Jesus' witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. We are going to do that through studying Scripture, fellowship, worship, and prayer. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and as God leads, we will be making disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that Christ has commanded. The specifics of how we do those things may be a little different than it has been, but the bigger picture of why we are doing what we do remains the same.

As we embark on this journey together at First Presbyterian Church, we also are growing into what it means to be a congregation of ECO (Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians). The Pastor Study on Wednesday (mornings and evenings) will be focusing on ECO's Essential Tenets. It is important we know what constitutes

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our fellowship with other congregations and what stands as the foundation of our corporate life together. The Essential Tenets are designed to articulate the Reformed faith we share:

- The goal is for more people to know — and apply — God's Word in daily life.
- Churches flourish when both leaders and members engage in thoughtful theological reflection. One of the treasures of the Reformed heritage is an emphasis on theological education, constant learning, and the life of the mind.

First Presbyterian Church is a congregation that has flourished, is flourishing, and – Lord willing – will flourish as we seek to obediently follow where God is leading. Even as we start new things, we remember: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

So, let's go!

Your brother in Christ,

Bob Davis

FPC IN THE NEWS!

Did you see the recent Nevada Appeal article about the FPC pastor transition? If you missed it in the paper, there is a copy on the bulletin board in the east side hallway. Check it out!



Welcome to FPC's new Family Ministry Coordinator—Sherri Chenin!



This area has always been my home. When I was just one, my father was transferred to NAS Fallon, where I grew up and lived until 1998 when I moved to Carson City. I love this beautiful area of the world that God has created! My son, Sam, and I enjoy kayaking, rock hounding, short road trips and the many cultural activities Carson City has to offer.

I have always had a heart for children, serving Silver Springs and Carson City for 27 years as an elementary teacher. In that capacity, one of my favorite activities besides time with the children was time spent with parents, forming relationships to help their children succeed. Let's do the same here as we worship the living King!

Serving as your new Family Ministry Coordinator, I could not be more pleased and blessed. I have a vision of growing our Sunday School while forming relationships with families, both those already here and those to come. I have been at FPC for approximately 12 ½ years, so I know many of you, but I hope to deepen our friendships as we work together worshipping the Lord. I can be contacted at Sherri@FPCCarsonCity.org. Thank you for welcoming me in this position, and I look forward to the times we will spend together.



Dear Church Family,

"Thank you" only begins to say how grateful we are for your love and generosity across the years and particularly in the last weekend's celebration. We are still overwhelmed at your outpouring of gifts and grace. As we go forward into the next chapter we will cherish your prayers. Please know you will be in ours. We will miss you all.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

The Kochsmeiers

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
Year to Date Through July 15 th	
Needed	\$ 308,000
Received	<u>\$ 285,074</u>
Difference	-\$ 22,926

Psalm 91 -

If you recall, last October, I began writing on the Psalms each month as a way of unpacking what I learned at the 2018 SING! Conference. This month, Carl and I will be attending the 2019 version of the conference in Nashville. Beginning in September and beyond, my Trumpet articles will cover the key points of this year's conference. To recap just a bit, the conference itself exists to promote worship of God in both the congregation and our homes and families. This month's column will be my last for a while that focuses on the Book of Psalms. I want to speak of one my favorite Psalms — Psalm 91.

Psalm 91 is known as a psalm of trust in God. It is in the company of two other much beloved psalms, 23 and 27. Several months ago, I talked about the categorization of psalms into "orientation, disorientation, new orientation" writings per Walter Brueggemann. Psalm 91, like 23 and 27, are hymns of the "new orientation" variety. "New orientation" hymns are those that show how we change through God's working in our lives. They are hymns of thanksgiving which express confidence in our God. They are much loved because when we run up against difficulties in this world, we can turn to all three and be steadied by the words within them. They assure us that God is in control of it all!

Psalm 91 is divided into three parts by most commentaries. Verses 1 and 2 talk about dwelling "in the shelter of the Most High" and abiding "in the shadow of the Almighty." God is our fortress and our strength in all times, but especially in the times of trouble. He is our "safe place." The believer serving God is the protected one spoken of throughout the psalm. There is a song about this, written by Michael Joncas, called "On Eagle's Wings." Listen for it in worship this month. Verses 3-13 deal with the safe journey of the believer. God not only protects us (how many times have we seen this in retrospect?), but also allows us safe passage through the "many toils and snares" (Amazing Grace), that this life throws at us. These verses talk about how we will see God in action on our behalf.

And finally, verses 14 -16. In these, God speaks directly, promising us believers, that for he who "holds fast to *me* in love" (my emphasis); deliverance is assured. God says, "I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation" (ESV). On this, Tim Keller states, "God makes seven promises to those who set their love on him" (verse 14 -16). The first four are practical: rescue, protect, answer prayers, be by our side in trouble. The last three, show us the journey beyond the moment and into the future: He gives honor, eternal life, and redemption of our body and soul. Keller notes that "the esteem and worth we strive so hard to achieve and to get from others he bestows on us. It is beyond imagining: His high regard, His 'well done' — a gift of His grace."

I guess the reason Psalm 91 resonates so much with me, and makes me want to live into it, is that being personally in a position where the applause of many could be so desirable, I want to guard against that desire of the flesh. I know that I and we, as a congregation, though we do good works in our communities and in our church, need to be mindful that we serve a loving God and should be seeking His applause and His delight. Not our own. That is one big desire I have for us as servants in the music program within the First Presbyterian Church. It's wonderful to have the accolades, but it is so much more important that God is pleased with our efforts to glorify Him. We have that opportunity to point to the Triune God by serving on a weekly basis. Come join us to serve the Lord!

Blessings,

Karen



The music program is gearing up for the fall!

Join in to let this new season reflect our commitment to God's agenda!

Chancel Choir begins their scheduled rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Don't miss out on serving the Lord each week! This group is very open to have new folks join in. We meet on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal and then again on Sunday morning before service. If you have questions about joining the choir or one of the small groups (below), please contact Karen via the church office—882-1032.

Men's Chorus will bring the worship offertory on Sun., Aug. 11th. Rehearsals are on Tues. and Wed., Aug. 6 & 7, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Women's Choir will bring the worship offertory on Sun., Sept. 1. Rehearsals are on Tues. and Wed., Aug. 27 & 28, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

JOIN ZEPHYR POINT CONFERENCE CENTER
TO CELEBRATE 95 YEARS OF IMPACTING LIVES FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019

Enjoy fellowship with old friends, share stories and reminisce about
Zephyr Point through the years.

2pm—Reception & Silent Auction

4-5:30pm—BBQ on Tahoe Center Lawn

Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conf. Center—660 Hwy. 50 Zephyr Cove, NV

TO REGISTER:

contact Katie Keith at 775-588-6759 x105 or kkeith@ZephyrPoint.org.



2019 Lake Tahoe Christian Women's Retreat "Stirred, Not Shaken"



*"Yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,"
says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10b*

September 13-15, 2019
Zephyr Point Conference Center

Presented By:

Dawn Pickering an adjunct professor in
Theology at William Jessup University in Rocklin, CA

Registration:

- ♦ \$180 due by August 15, 2019
- ♦ Make checks payable to: The Village Church Women's Ministry
736 McCourry Blvd, Incline Village, NV 89451

Worship and Music Led By:

Julie Elias an accomplished Christian artist. She combines popular worship songs
with lesser known gems to bring a unique approach to worship through music.

For further information: www.TheVillageChurchNV.org 775.831.0784 or Cindy Critchfield 925.783.8233



Desert Schooners are holding their annual picnic on Saturday August 3 at 1:00 PM—and you're invited!! This will happen on the Eheresman's front lawn at 1612 N. Nevada St. Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to spare. A grill, table service, and drinks will be provided.



Thank you so much to everyone who sent us get well wishes and brought meals. God doesn't give us more than we can handle but all of your cards, phone calls, meals, and personal concern have sure helped us get back on track.

Thank you—thank you—thank you! Ken & Vicki Pearson



We would like to tell you all what our coffee cart, *The Door*, is all about. It is our mission to have people enjoy a good cup of coffee or a flavored latte each Sunday. We want to use The Door to reach out to all our current congregation and hopefully draw in the younger generation with their children as well. We do not charge for our coffee and are supported mostly by your generous donations. So, please come and enjoy a latte and help us keep our mission going. Also, I want to thank all the volunteers who faithfully work *The Door* each Sunday. I appreciate each of you and again, thank you. Blessings, Candi Euler

Zephyr Point Conference Center (ZP) Fall Work Weekend September 6 – 8

Plans are in the making for this year's fall work weekend. Mark your calendar to stay at Zephyr Point or plan to come just on Saturday. Sign up begins August 4 in the Narthex before or after worship.

See Grace or Bob Speicher for additional information.

What can you expect?

- Fun, Fellowship, and Fatigue
- Late night FARKEL
- Saturday work detail with lunch provided by ZP
- Sunday Worship Service
- Shared cabins provided by ZP
- Meals available for purchase: 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- *NEW this year – Friday night potluck and sing-a-long AND Saturday night campfire and music*



Women's Thursday afternoon Bible Study will resume on September 12.
Call Lynne Weaver with any questions! Call the church office for info.



First Presbyterian Church (FPC) has partnered with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Carson City to offer services to seniors (60+) and those with disabilities in Carson City, Douglas, Washoe, and part of Lyon counties.

Joining is easy and you don't have to be a member of FPC to obtain services .

Services offered include transportation, respite care, light housekeeping, companionship, grocery shopping, dementia care, etc.. All services are offered free of charge!

THIS IS A GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TOO! FPC encourages our covenant partners to join RSVP to help transport those in need of a ride to church and other FPC events. All services through RSVP are covered by RSVP insurance, including mileage reimbursement for drivers.

Imagine the joy you could bring to those not otherwise able to attend church due to lack of transportation. Since buses do not run on Sundays, people are left at home who would otherwise want to attend church. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our neighbors to let them learn about God's word.

Come and join us, won't you!

Contact RSVP at 775-687-4680 with any questions, to obtain services or volunteer.



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ON OUR PRAYER & PRAISES LIST Requested as of 07-14-2019

Gary Kanarian, Shirley Parks, Vicki Nahm (Friend, Jenny Scanland), Evelyn Patridge, Kathy Jones & the Kayden family, Jan Brees & family, Hettrick family, Riho Liivamaa (Friend, Carolyn & George Casselman), Ken Pearson, Gary & Jean Rudd (Friends, Butch Forbes), Farrell Krupp (Family, Harry Krupp), Doug Finch, Jean Schmid, John Reich & family (Friend, Kaye Keeton), Tamara Olson, Dennis Dougherty and Donald Everett (Family – Kimberly Everett), Karla & Jon Michael Porras (Family – Kit LeFevre), Dave Vill, Marge Broyles, Betty Berger, Jordan and Katrina (Family-Kristie & Kieran Creek), Pat Menath, Dave Fenlon, Thelma Roberts, Jaime Morales (Family-Bob & Marian Stroh), Sam Waisanen & family (Family-Karen & Carl Dahlen), Tony Bordreaux, Relinda & Evangelina, Bob (Family-Johannes & Lori Vanderwal), Todd Wheeler (Family-Jamie & Faye Wheeler).

Active Duty Military in our Prayers: Jessica Verwiel, John Verwiel, Jeremy Anderson, Emily Orrin, Andrea Quisenberry, Sawyer Little, Matt Weed, Xavier Bennetts, Andrew Richards, Evan Richards, Michael Myles, Sam Nanse, Casey Larkin, Ryan Larkin, Jordan LaPorte, Derek Nelson, Nick Krobath, Ryan Rothchild, Chris Mills, Andrew Streenan, Amaris Rayes, Josh Jorgensen, Dakota Lee, Daniel Cushman, Eric Larson, Brandon Casto, Zach Ferenz, Connor Gasbarro, Cole Chandler, Phillip Kerber.

Please pray for family and friends

Just for KIDS
"A Time to Plant..."

The spring of the year is time to plant gardens or tend to other plants. The list below contains the names of plants that grew in Bible times. How many do you recognize? Circle the names from the list. They may be found → ← ↓ ↑ ↘ . There will be 13 letters uncircled. Write them in the spaces below.

myrrh	aloes	cassia	mint	dill
lentil	apple trees	crocus	barley	cucumbers
balsam trees	melons	leeks	onions	garlic
oak trees	wheat	figs	mustard	grain
pomegranates	olive trees	beans	millet	cane
almonds	cinnamon	pistachio nuts	rose of Sharon	
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Who is the "Master Gardener"?
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August 2019 Sermons

August 4: "The Proclamation"

Mark 1:14-28

August 11: "The Physician"

Mark 1:29-34

August 18: "The Message"

Mark 1:35-45

August 25: "The One Who Forgives"

Mark 2:1-12

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