



# The Trumpet

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Hello Church,

The Sunday of my installation I shared with the church the challenging and thought-provoking question I was asked by Jessica Garcia as part of an interview with the Nevada Appeal; "What do you want the community to know about your church?" I had shared with Ms. Garcia some of the things we wanted to care about – loving and welcoming our entire community, being an asset and advocate for young families, and showing how Jesus is the best answer to our big questions in life. I suppose I could have emphasized those commitments again, but instead I did something really crazy. "I want the community to watch us and see if we really mean what we say. I want people to see if we're really

serious about living these things out. And I want the community to know that sometimes we're going to mess it up, just like everyone else, so I especially want to invite our neighbors to see what we do with our mistakes."

Now when I thought about what I said later there was a part of me that regretted my words. Couldn't I have chosen something a little easier than inviting every eye in the community to be on us? Couldn't I have said something that was inspirational and that made a vague promise? I want to admit to you all that part of me is afraid to have to put my money where my mouth is. I'm afraid because I know that we could fail, and everyone will see that wreckage. I'm afraid because I see how far I have to go in growing to be like Jesus. I'm afraid because following Jesus to the extremities faith requires means that I will change, that we will change, and change threatens to disrupt comfort.

But I'm also convinced that this is the church we want to be. We want to be a church that lives on the extremities of faith, that breaks old boundaries and explores new frontiers. Why?

Hebrews chapter 11 is sometimes called the faith hall of fame. It describes the faith journeys of the most memorable characters of Scripture and reminds us of the seeming foolishness of faith and the astounding outcome; of Noah building a land-bound ark, of Abraham leaving his home, of Joseph, the greatest man in all of Egypt, looking forward to a day when life would be even better for his descendants in the promised land, of Moses giving up a royal life to be a prophet journeying in the wilderness, and on and on. And right in the middle of that hall of fame the author pauses and writes this:

"If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city." (Hebrews. 11:15-16)

To be a person of faith requires looking forward to a better country. More than that, to be a person of faith gives us hope that there is more to this life than regretting past losses, than fearing future trials, than enduring current pain. Yes, our lives in this world are more than our fears, and we have frequent experiences that prove God made this world "very good," but that doesn't change the fact that there is something even better in our future.



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The Church – and the Church alone – has the ability to begin to manifest God’s incredible future in the here and now. We are called, like the Philippians, to “shine as lights in the world,” we are commissioned by Jesus to be the light of world, a city on a hill and a lamp on a stand.

Now maybe you’re thinking that’s all well and good for the spiritual all-stars, for the pastors and monks and missionaries. But it’s actually what God has intended for every. single. Christian. “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he [Jesus] might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” (Romans 8:28-30)

If you have faith in Jesus it’s evidence that God has chosen you, before even the beginning of time (Ephesians. 1:4) so that you will become like Jesus. So that you will be a spiritual all-star! He chose you, and each one of us in the church, to be that light of the world.

Brothers and sisters, I know that we aren’t fully like Jesus yet. Not one of us is the spitting image of Christ... yet. But either we’re becoming more like him, or maybe we’ve never known him at all. If we are really in Christ we have to become a church that pushes boundaries back and really lives like Jesus, not so God will love us (He already does!) but because we simply can’t help it; that’s what happens to people and churches when they follow Jesus!

There are a lot of things you could do to cooperate with God’s work to make you more like Jesus, but I’m going to give you just one to focus on. Spend some time each day reading and reflecting on Colossians 3:1-17, especially verses 3-4. “You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

We are not living for today. We aren’t living by the rules of the old world; the rules of scarcity rather than bounty, the rules of providing for ourselves instead of trusting in God’s provision, the rules of opposing enemies by force rather than love, the rules of us versus them. Live on the extremities of faith, guided by Scripture, rooted and grounded in love. If we do that, our city will meet Jesus in our midst.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Ian



**TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR**

**MAY**

Is APRIL 15

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

Congregational Giving  
Financial Update as of  
March 18, 2024

Year To Date Income	\$ 84,707
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 79,262
<b>ECO Dues</b>	
Annual Budget	\$ 5,200
Year To Date Received	\$ 570

**THANK YOU, ALL!!**



# FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Fellowship Committee has hosted some fun food events lately. Here's a peek at Pi(e) Day and the Baked Potato Bar. Many thanks to Linda Ritter and Crew for all their hard work.



August looking dapper, serving up delicious pies



A plethora of pies to pick from



Eva is ready to dig in



Mr. Pi(e) himself - Duane Glanzmann



Jamie and Faye enjoy a good baked potato



Dan shows us that he's young at heart



Ronald was excited to celebrate St. Patty's Day



John and Jan try the taters



Choices, choices

Looking ahead, there are some exciting plans for Family Ministries, starting with an FPC Family Dinner in mid-late April.



A great time of fellowship

We Love Our VOLUNTEERS

We want to hear from families what sorts of activities would be of most interest, as we look to serve parents, grandparents and children. There are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer your time and talents to this ministry. Everyone is welcome to get involved.



## The Meaning Behind Our Hymns and Songs

As we move into Springtime, our hymns and songs of praise are changing as well. We find ourselves rejoicing in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thus the hymn, "Rejoice the Lord Is King" will be sung in April.

The opening stanza of this well-known hymn by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) is one of unbridled exuberance. The one question that comes to mind is, **Why did Charles Wesley say "Rejoice, the Lord is King"?** The people whom Wesleyans converted were often harassed and persecuted. But they found great joy in serving Christ and called other Christians to do the same. Charles Wesley wrote these joyful words, "Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!"-words that came out of **his joyful life**. Another question is, **Why did Paul rejoice in the Lord?** "But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly"-the favor which Paul had received, and for which he felt so much gratitude, had been received from the Philippians; but he regarded "the Lord" as the source of it, and rejoiced in it as the **expression of His kindness**. The effect was to lead his heart with cheerfulness and joy up to God.

The hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," is another song which we'll be singing. This wonderful hymn was written by Thomas O. Chisholm during the late 1800s. **Where does the phrase "great is thy faithfulness" come from?** The phrase comes from **the Old Testament Book of Lamentations 3:23**. These precise words can be found in both the King James Bible and the Revised Standard Version. Eventually, through the many crusades put on by Billy Graham, the song became Internationally known. The core of this hymn is simple, yet it entails some beautifully constructed messages. Overall, the message of the song points to **the amazing faithfulness of our Heavenly Father**.

"Victory In Jesus" is a hymn that will be sung mid-April. **What is a victory in Christ?** Victory in Christ is, in fact, **something that is independent of whether or not we have problems**. Victory in Christ is possible despite the problems. But what IS victory? Just this: That I am free to walk in everything Jesus has won for me, in my relationship with God. The Bible assures us that God and His Son Jesus are Victors and that believers can share in their victories: "But **thanks be to God!** He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

"Shine, Jesus Shine" by Graham Kendrick is a Christian worship song that emphasizes the light, glory, and transformative power of Jesus Christ. The song speaks to the believers' desire for Jesus to shine upon them and fill the world with God's presence. The phrase "Shine, Jesus Shine" is a call to Jesus, inviting Him to illuminate our lives with His presence and love. In the realm of Christian music, few songs have touched the hearts and souls of believers as profoundly as "Shine, Jesus Shine." This timeless hymn has become an anthem of faith, inspiring countless individuals around the world. The repetition in "Shine, Jesus Shine" serves as a powerful and intentional tool to reinforce the song's central message. It allows listeners to engage with the lyrics more deeply, internalizing the call to surrender and be filled with Jesus' light.

Finally, "He Knows My Name" is a powerful and uplifting Christian worship song. Its heartfelt lyrics and beautiful melody resonate with believers around the world, reminding them of the profound truth that God knows and cares for each and every one of His children. This soul stirring anthem serves as a comforting reminder that we are not alone, that we have a personal relationship with our Creator who knows us intimately. The song reminds us that no matter what trials or hardships we may face, God knows the depths of our hearts and is intimately familiar with our circumstances.

In closing, I can't emphasize enough to everyone in our congregation how important it is to sing these wonderful hymns and worship songs with the Chancel Choir and Praise Team. Singing is such a wonderful and powerful way to praise and give thanks to our wonderful Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Stewart





# MOMENTS FROM PASTOR IAN'S INSTALLATION

**Ken Robbins, Moderator of the Northern California and Nevada ECO Presbytery and Elder at the Central Presbyterian Church of Merced, CA, conducted the installation of Pastor Ian Hodge as our new pastor. FPC Elders Barbara Kowal and Bob Vibe also participated in the installation with all current Elders joining in the blessing of Pastor Ian!**





Corey & Gary Johnson  
April 5, 1994  
Susan & Rick Keema  
April 10, 1993  
Cecelia & Bob Stansbury  
April 20, 1968  
Hallie & Joel Kirk  
April 21, 2007

**ON OUR PRAYER LIST**

Requested as of March 21-2024

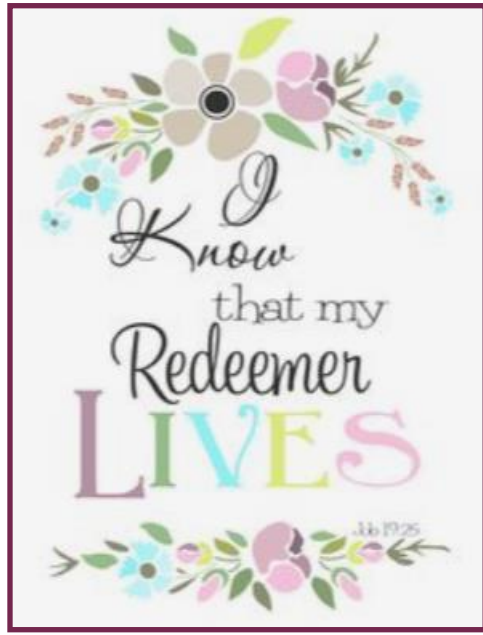
Dave Berger † Derrick Park (Friend-Debbie Audet) † Jane Hancock †  
Brother-in-law of Gayle Panissidi † The Meagher family (Friends-Troy  
Stanbury) † Pat Green † Mike & Kathy Greber (Family-Jacqui Schwitters) † Jeff  
Kreck (Friend-Kyle Hamilton) † Richard Nagel † Bob Stansbury † Patty  
Tappan (Family-the Broadways) † Michelle Lechner (Friend-Sherri Gurney) †  
Leona Scott † Joshua Wolfram (Family-Jacque Dyer) † Shanna Williams  
(Family-Jim Williams) † Dale & Sandy Hatchell † Shelly, Dan Loeffler (Friend &  
Family – Mary Burgoon Spradley) † Carolyn Casselman † FPC Staff † John &  
Bonnie Bullis † Pat Green † Ray & Juli Wilson † Curt Spradley † Doris  
Wheeler, Omega Collins, Amaris Rayes, Verlene DeDios (Family-Doris  
Wheeler & Omega Collins) † Charlotte Fenlon † Chuck & Pat Beattie † Lu  
Hawley † Mary Lou Pawley † Norris & Kathy Schultz † Johannes  
Vanderwal † Karolyn Belcher † Jamie, Faye, Todd, and Pam Wheeler †  
Shirley Parks † Todd & Kellie Butterworth and Ecuador † Relinda &  
Evangalina, Bob (Family-Johannes & Lori Vanderwal) † Fire and Law  
Enforcement, First Responders, Front-line Caregivers; our Local, State,



John Tierney  
February 22  
Memorial is  
April 13 at 1:00 pm



4/03 Jenny Scanland  
Norris Schultz  
4/05 Corey Johnson  
4/06 Bert McKee  
4/07 Cheryl Lloyd  
4/08 Bobbie McKee  
4/12 Kathy Schultz  
4/13 Ray Wilson  
4/14 Arlene Carter  
Margo Weaver  
4/15 Leona Scott  
4/17 Mary Burgoon Spradley  
Stewart Peebles  
4/21 Eleanor Doyle  
Hilma Jones  
Cynthia Mirabal-Jones  
Rodger Thompson  
4/22 West Small  
4/23 Ken Jeter  
Ted Schafnitz  
4/25 Lu Hawley  
4/29 Carol Johnston



**Active-Duty Military:** Griffin Bell, Kyah Bickler, Daniel Cushman, Katie Denio, Preston Emborsky, Johnathan Ford, Forrest Heckler, Michael Hulst, Josh Jorgensen, Phillip Kerber, Casey Larkin, Ryan Larkin, Eric Larson, Angel Lundberg, Jacob Lundberg, Cody Mecham, Andrew Richards, Evan Richards, Ryan Rothchild, Andrew Streenan, Daniel Sunday, Jessica Verwiel, John Verwiel, Zane Walbridge, and their families.



*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 Candi Euler 775-240-7049 or the office 775-882-1032.*



## COME JOIN IN THE ANNUAL GRACEWORKS ACTIVITIES

GraceWorks is happening on **Saturday, May 11, 2024**. The mission is to exhibit the love of Christ by serving our community. Volunteers from various churches will join in fellowship and working together on service projects.

Start the day with a free breakfast (being provided by Calvary Chapel) and great music at First Presbyterian Church at 8:00am.

There are plenty of activities for you sign up to help with—contact the lead person to be put on their list!

- ◆ Music at breakfast- Stewart Peebles 775-882-1032 or Randall Gray 775-420-8179
- ◆ Fence repair - 8 to 12 volunteers wanted. For location and information contact Dave Berger 775-671-2772 or Rob Scanland 775-742-5959
- ◆ Ron Wood Family Resource Center - 3 or 4 volunteers for facility maintenance projects, contact David Mason (from the Methodist church) at 805-748-2857
- ◆ Light landscaping and painting—for information and location contact David Mason 805-748-2857
- ◆ Mac and cheese packet assembling at First Presbyterian Church - Carol Allen 775-690-7598
- ◆ CASA - up to 6 volunteers wanted. Contact Cathy Kreis at 865-603-7666
- ◆ Music ministry at assisted living facilities, nursing homes or group homes - Common Ground Church
- ◆ Eagle Valley Children's Home - weeding - Common Ground Church

GraceWorks T-shirts can be purchased (with cash or a check) for \$12. available at First Presbyterian Church

To sign up, contact the person listed on the project you choose, or fill out a form in the Narthex on Sundays during April. For further information contact Kyle Hamilton 775-450-0542, Denise Vill 775-722-5870 or Carol Wilson 775-720-3198.



### Thank you all for your ongoing gifts for the Northern Nevada Dream Center Blue Barrell

You are all helping to feed those in our community and beyond who need a little help. Your gifts of food, paper goods, toiletries, clothing, and paper bags are all taken to the Dream Center and given out every week. Twice a month, they have a drive-by food distribution program on Fridays. The need is big—recently 106 cars drove by and received a bag or box of food items. On other days, trucks take food to apartments and hotels to help those who do not have transportation. On Wednesdays, volunteers deliver bags of food to many who have requested assistance.; trucks also go to the Ranchos in Gardnerville. Your donations at FPC are helping many!

*As Jesus said in John 21: 13a, "Feed my sheep." You are doing just that. Thank you!*

In light of scams that have resurfaced targeting our congregation and others, please remember:

First Presbyterian Church staff and officers will NEVER contact you via text or email seeking money or asking you to purchase something through Amazon, etc.

We will NEVER ask you to personally front money for ministry, missions, or compassionate purposes.

We have the Deacons fund that has been specifically designated to address these kinds of needs. If you receive something purporting to be from FPC staff or even other congregants, particularly on a weekend or during a time when the office is not open—please contact the person directly by the phone number in the church directory to confirm what is going on. We want to discourage those seek to take advantage of the trust and fellowship we have in Jesus Christ.



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**This Month's Sermons**

**April 7** I Corinthians 15: 50-58  
"Resurrection Means  
This Life Is Not For Nothing"

**April 14**  
Join us for a presentation by Mitch McAfee  
from Forward Bible Camp

**April 21** John 1:1-18  
"The Cosmic Story of Jesus"

**April 28** John 1:1-18  
"Veiled in Flesh the Godhead See"

See us and  
"Like" us on





# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>11:15 am:</b> Women's Bible Study – Library  <b>5:30 pm:</b> Priority Prayer Group – Library	2 <b>8:30 am:</b> SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies	3 <b>9:00 am:</b> Men's Bible Study – Mallard's at Empire Golf Course <b>9:00 am:</b> Grace Notes Rehearsal – Narthex  <b>5:00 pm:</b> CIRCLES Meeting – FLC/Library <b>7:00 pm:</b> Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary	4 <b>9:00 am:</b> Wilson Men's Fellowship – Mallard's at Empire Golf Club <b>9:30 am:</b> Women's Bible Study – Fashion residence  <b>7:00 pm:</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	5 OFFICE CLOSED <b>6:30 am:</b> Berean Men's Bible Study – Library	6 Tartan Day 
7 <b>8:45 am:</b> Adult Sunday School – Fellowship Hall <b>9:45 am:</b> Grades 1-3 Sunday School <b>10:00 am:</b> Communion Worship <b>10:30 am:</b> Grades 3-6 Sunday School <b>11:30 am:</b> Fellowship Potluck with Lu Hawley and Pang from KLDP	8 <b>11:15 am:</b> Women's Bible Study – Library  <b>5:30 pm:</b> Priority Prayer Group – Library	9 <b>8:30 am:</b> SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies  <b>5:30 &amp; 7:00 pm:</b> Cmte Mtgs – all rooms	10 <b>9:00 am:</b> Men's Bible Study – Mallard's at Empire Golf Course <b>9:00 am:</b> Grace Notes Rehearsal – Narthex  <b>5:00 pm:</b> CIRCLES Meeting – FLC/Library <b>7:00 pm:</b> Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary	11 <b>9:00 am:</b> Wilson Men's Fellowship – Mallard's at Empire Golf Club <b>9:30 am:</b> Women's Bible Study – Fashion residence  <b>1:30 pm:</b> Women's Monthly Bible Study - Library <b>7:00 pm:</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	12 OFFICE CLOSED <b>6:30 am:</b> Berean Men's Bible Study – Library  Big Winds Day	13 <b>1:00 pm:</b> John Tierney Memorial Service
14 <b>8:45 am:</b> Adult Sunday School – Fellowship Hall <b>9:45 am:</b> Grades 1-3 Sunday School <b>10:00 am:</b> Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship <b>10:30 am:</b> Grades 3-6 Sunday School <b>11:30 am:</b> Deacons Meeting - Library	15 <b>11:15 am:</b> Women's Bible Study – Library  <b>5:30 pm:</b> Priority Prayer Group – Library  <b>MAY TRUMPET DEADLINE</b>	16 <b>8:30 am:</b> SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies  <b>4:00 pm:</b> Session Mtg – Fellowship Hall 	17 <b>9:00 am:</b> Men's Bible Study – Mallard's at Empire Golf Course <b>9:00 am:</b> Grace Notes Rehearsal – Narthex  <b>5:00 pm:</b> CIRCLES Meeting – FLC/Library <b>7:00 pm:</b> Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary	18 <b>9:00 am:</b> Wilson Men's Fellowship – Mallard's at Empire Golf Club <b>9:30 am:</b> Women's Bible Study – Fashion residence  <b>7:00 pm:</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	19 OFFICE CLOSED <b>6:30 am:</b> Berean Men's Bible Study – Library  Bicycle Day 	20
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