



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

October begins with **World Communion Sunday**. We highlight this day as a way of looking beyond the bounds of our campus; we gaze much more broadly and widely to reflect on the omnipotence, omnipresence, and awesomeness of God. Originally called World-Wide Communion Sunday, the idea for this day is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. It was an attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity. It was a reminder of the importance of Jesus' church, and a re-statement of how each congregation is interconnected one with another. Celebration of World-Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to participate from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread.



October concludes with Reformation Day (October 31). It is the anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Door in 1517. We mark that as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Pro – meaning in favor; testate – meaning bearing witness; in other words, Martin Luther and those who followed were speaking to the church in favor of bearing a faithful witness. They were looking for the church to be more faithful to her Lord.

Following Luther were a whole series of individuals who were personally invested and called to seek to reform – correct – the church. They were excommunicated by the Roman Catholic hierarchy or they left, either of which put them in grave danger for their lives. On more than one occasion, Luther had to flee for his life and be hidden by benefactors.

Among those who rose to prominence after Luther were John Calvin and John Knox. Calvin was a lawyer turned pastor. He wrote Calvin's Institutes, which became the go-to piece for understanding what is known as "Reformed" theology. He highlighted the sovereignty of God; the unique saving grace of Christ alone; the blessing of faith; and, the importance of Scriptural authority. This may all seem like dull academia now, but it was the substance of great controversies during those years. And, truth be told, it is the substance of many great controversies today – it is just that the issues are cloaked in different language.

John Knox was a Scot who went to study with Calvin and brought Calvin's teachings back to Scotland with him. From Knox comes Presbyterians, and that's where we got our start. For me personally, Knox has been a blessing because he helped me understand what to seek in a church. Knox was the primary author of the Scots Confession, which I referenced last month, and in it he describes the marks of the true kirk, or true church: the Word rightly preached, the sacraments rightly administered, and discipline uprightly effected.

Last month, I began this little series by looking at the "Word rightly preached." This month, I will focus on the sacraments – baptism and the Lord's supper – rightly administered. Actually, the full phrase in Knox's Scots Confession is, "the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus, with which must be associated the Word and promise of God to seal and confirm them in our hearts."

We baptize in response to Jesus' command in the Great Commission of Matthew 28: "Go, therefore, into all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Baptism is the sign and seal of incorporation into Christ. Jesus through his own baptism identified himself with sinners in order to fulfill all righteousness. In baptism, we participate in Jesus' death and resurrection. We die to what separates us from God and are raised to newness of life in Christ.

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The water of baptism links us to the goodness of God's creation and to the grace of God's covenants with Noah and Israel. In his ministry, Jesus offered the gift of living water. So, baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. We only baptize once – the promises made at baptism reflect God's eternal, unchanging, and unbreakable covenant. We do not re-baptize; however, when someone has experienced a renewal or transformative moment later in life (whether baptized as an infant or with a profession of faith), we will celebrate God's goodness by reaffirming the promises made at baptism.

That's a very short and abstract explanation. What is important to know is that we baptize in obedience to Christ's command.

We celebrate the Lord's supper in response to Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me." The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. The New Testament describes the meal as a participation in Christ and with one another in the expectation of the Kingdom and as a foretaste of the messianic banquet.

The Lord's supper remembers Christ: the mystery of his incarnation; the obedience of his life and passion; his sacrificial and atoning death on the cross; his victory in God's raising him from the dead; and his ascension and eternal glory at the right hand of God the Father. The Lord's supper is sustaining today: we are encouraged by being believers in this place called together by Christ to celebrate God's grace revealed in him. The Lord's supper is a renewal of the promise: we anticipate the great banquet and marriage feast when God's kingdom is fully realized and we join in the party face-to-face.

We celebrate the Lord's supper regularly. It is a public act of witness, even when it is done with only a few believers present. It is a way to extend the promises of Scripture to believers and to sustain them through the times of trial they are experiencing. The Lord's supper reminds us of our humble standing before God: that is, we are sinners who are the recipients of grace, adopted by God to be his children, and inheritors of the great promises of God.

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I know this is a long *Trumpet* article; however, there was a lot to cover. Next month, we will look at ecclesiastical discipline, uprightly effected, whereby virtue is nourished and vice is repressed.

My hope and prayer is that you will be encouraged by seeing God's hand at work in our midst – in these articles; in the worship, ministry, and mission in which we are participating; and, in your own lives.

Your brother in Christ,

Bob Davis

ATTENTION TRAVELERS and ADDRESS MOVERS

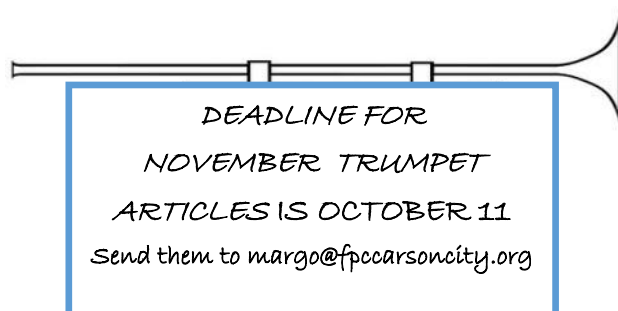
Each month we mail *The Trumpet* to keep you informed about the activities of the church. However, when you have moved or leave the area for a period of time, the Post Office returns your newsletter to the church and we are required to pay for its return; at that time we take you off the mailing list until we are notified of your return or new address. That notification sometimes doesn't happen and you are then missing out on church news!



Please contact the office before you move, depart as a "snowbird" or have your mailed forwarded for even a few weeks or months away so we can either forward your *Trumpet* to the new address or stop it for the time that you are away.

We would appreciate your help in this area as you make your travel plans any time throughout the year. If you are moving it is also important to call the office or email your change of address to margo@fpccarsoncity.org.

Thank you,
Office Staff



Congregational Giving—GENERAL BUDGET

	2019 Projected Budget Need	Given	Difference
September 17, 2019			
Year to date	\$407,000	\$380,464	-\$ 26,536
Current	Income	Expense	Difference
	\$380,464	\$392,370	-\$ 11,906

Autumn leaves have arrived
& your ongoing gifts to FPC are appreciated.
THANK YOU ALL!!

Singing In the Shadow of His Wings

A few weeks ago, my husband, Carl and I had the privilege of attending the SING!2019 conference for pastors, music leaders, children's ministers and really anyone in church leadership. We thank our respective churches, Christ Presbyterian and First Presbyterian, for allowing us to attend this amazing conference! We listened to the teaching of several well-known pastors and had the opportunity to participate in an abridged version of Handel's Messiah, complete with soloists and orchestra. The conference is a 5 year program that has been initiated by Keith and Kristyn Getty and their team that seeks to renew the worship of churches through study of Jesus Christ's ministry. There is always plenty of music and breakout sessions that go into more detail on pastoring, songwriting, leading various sized church and the like.



One of the speakers who has been at all three of the events so far is Joni Eareckson Tada. Joni has been confined to a wheelchair as a quadriplegic for over 50 years! She has spearheaded ministries for people with disabilities. Her life story is told in the book, "Joni: An Unforgettable Story" (published 1976). Her's is an incredible witness of how Jesus can use brokenness! In all her physical and emotional challenges, Joni continues to sing to God whether she is feeling joy or seeking joy.

Psalms 59 says, "But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress." And Psalm 63 speaks of God's love "because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips" "for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy." Joni has certainly known distress and despair in her life, and yet she says with the psalmist, "I will sing for joy"! Over the years, Joni has discovered that Scripture commands us to sing, both as individual Christians and as the corporate body called the Church.

She cites an article written by Tom Olson, Campus Pastor at The Orchard Evangelical Free Church in Barrington, Illinois. Olson makes seven points about singing that are worth exploring:

- * When you sing, you obey — it is not an option in God's Word. It is a command. We are doing what God asks (Ephesians 5: 18-19 and Colossians 3:16)
- * When you sing, you dig deep roots into the Word — the Apostle Paul exhorts to let God's Word dwell in us richly. The first way is through teaching, but the second point is singing (Colossians 3:16)
- * When you sing, you build up others - First you build up fellow believers, and then you are a witness to unbelievers (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3: 15-16, Psalm 105:1-2).
- * When you sing, you make war — a singing heart does not have room for the work of the evil one and the power of sin.
- * When you sing, you are spiritually strengthened for trial — Think of Paul and Silas in Acts 16. They were imprisoned for the sake of the Gospel, and they sang while imprisoned. Their obedience led to the jailer and all his family being baptized!
- * When you sing, you walk a God-designed pathway to joy — Joni mentioned that sometimes singing gives birth to joy and sometimes joy gives birth to singing. But persistently in Scripture, joy and singing are bound together (Psalms 63:7, James 5:13)
- * When you sing, you glorify God — Singing has a unique way of bringing your heart, soul, mind and strength together in order to focus completely on God. Try using it in your life to combat distraction and refocus yourself where your attention rightfully belongs —on God.

So as Joni sings through her hardships, she notes that Christ also sang — on the night He was betrayed, even though He would face unthinkable pain and suffering. God wants to hear our voices raised to Him in praise.

Always singing,

Karen

THANK YOU to everyone for the cards and comments due to our recent family tragedy. The result has been material in overcoming this tragedy. Rex Baggett and family

NOMINATING COMMISSION

The 2019 Nominating Commission has begun their work of nominating members of First Presbyterian Church (FPC) to serve as Elders and Deacons for a three-year term which begins January of 2020.

The commission seeks your input as we consider the persons to fill these important leadership roles in our church. They should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship and love of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. After talking with the person, please submit their name to the Nominating Commission. As you reflect on names to suggest to the commission, please consider the following attributes:

Prerequisites to Serve:

ELDER:

- Participating Member of FPC for 2 Years
- Spiritual Maturity
- Good Reputation
- Able to Present Their Testimony
- Knowledge of Scripture
- Leadership & Administrative Skills

DEACON:

- Participating Member of FPC
- Heart for Ministry & Service
- Integrity
- Organized
- Committed to Church's Mission



Nomination(s) for term beginning in 2020:

Elder: _____

Deacon: _____

Please return this form to one of the Nominating Commission members.

2019 NOMINATING COMMISSION

Grace Speicher, Chairman; Wanda Brown, Caren Kipler, Mike Klug,
Mary Lou Pawley, and Jamie Wheeler.

Please call Grace Speicher at the church office (882-1032) for more information.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS OCTOBER 20, 2019



The Desert Schooners would like to invite and encourage all to come to the Tuesday, October 22 gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. The Lifelong Learning Center through UNR will present a program about their many fabulous activities, tours and talks they have to offer seniors. Pizza and drinks will be provided by Shirley in memory of Roy Parks. For more information contact Sandy Ehresman, 885-8230 *Many Presbyterian Churches have a "Mariners" fellowship group—since we are in the desert we call ours Desert Schooners. The programs are open to all.—so come join us on the fourth Tuesday. For more information call Wagon Master Carolyn Knutson or Sandy Ehresman at by calling the church office at 882-1032*



Due to popular demand the Friendship Suppers are back!! As before there will be a choice of Friday, October 18 or Saturday, October 19.

A Friendship Supper is a small group of 8 or 10 Christians who meet in individual homes to share food, fun and fellowship. You might offer to bring a dish to share.

Sign up to attend with Diane Young or Sandy Ehresman at Coffee Hour. You don't have to be a host or a member or have attended before. Just come and make new Christian friends!!



We wish to thank all of you who participated in the Zephyr Point work weekend.

As usual, ZP was thrilled to see you and recognizes all that was accomplished.

Plans are in the works for next year: Saturday, May 9 and weekend of September 11-13. Plan to come join us then!



**DAVIS FAMILY
OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, October 12

from 10a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pastor Bob and Jennifer will be hosting an open house at their home:

**11 Comstock Circle
Carson City, NV 89703**

We are so grateful for the blessing of being called to serve here and would like to share with you. It is NOT a housewarming, so please no gifts. Just come, enjoy fellowship, and help us celebrate God's goodness together.



CAMPAIGN FOR THE KINGDOM

Mark 1:15

As we enter the season of the *Campaign for the Kingdom*, we remember the hope we have in the good news of Jesus Christ. As children of God we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, our Redeemer, who has discharged all our debts for all time. Through Jesus Christ, we have inherited the infinite treasure of citizenship in the Sovereign Kingdom of God. We have the blessed assurance that we are eternally included in the family of God and will take up residence with Jesus in Heaven because of God's lavish grace. Since we are the beneficiaries of God's matchless abundance, let us use this opportunity to express our gratefulness and share a portion of God's financial blessings to further God's Kingdom.

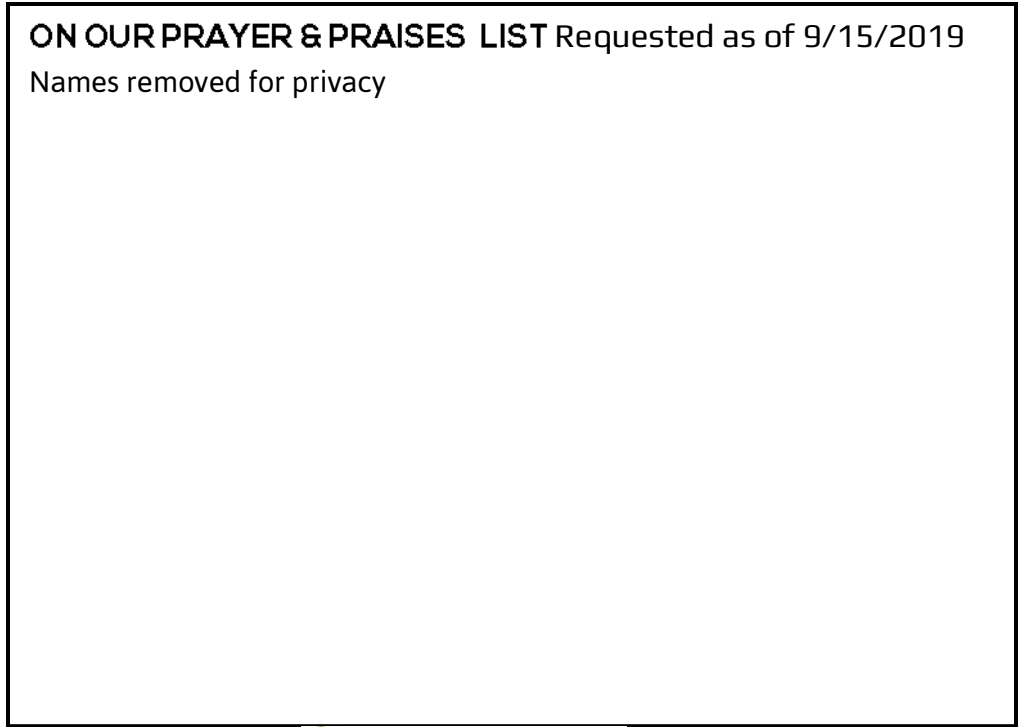
Elder Laurie Trotter-Bopko, Citizen - Sovereign Kingdom of God



Names and dates removed for privacy

ON OUR PRAYER & PRAISES LIST Requested as of 9/15/2019

Names removed for privacy



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It has come to my attention that some of you may not know how your lovely donations to our Deacons are spent. Here are just a few examples:

- The Deacons provide the sanctuary flowers every Sunday and then give them to a member of the congregation.
- Memorial refreshments and a guest book for guests to sign are provided free of cost.
- The Deacons pay all the costs for the church 4th of July picnic, and provide the turkey, rolls, ham, gravy and cranberry sauce for the all-church Thanksgiving dinner.
- Deacons pay for the preparations for Communion every month.
- The Deacons bought all new salt and pepper shakers, heavy duty commercial extension cords and power strips used for all potluck dinners, two new barbecues for church use, and a set of new kitchen knives.
- The Deacons have also paid for emergency dental care, emergency prescriptions, lab fees, car repairs and even clothing.

As you may *not* know, the Deacons do not receive any funds from the church and rely only on YOUR generous donations, so **thank you** for your support! If you would like to donate to the Deacons, there are envelopes in the pew you can use especially for that., or put a note in the memo field of your check.

Please plan to check out **Deacon Sunday on October 20th** during Fellowship Hour. The Deacons would love to meet you and thank you in person for your support. (I love Deacon Sunday – there are always some amazing delicious crumbs for me to find afterwards!)

Cordially,
The Church Mouse



OCTOBER



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



1
7:00 AM Women's Bible Study - LA Bakery
7:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Library

2
8:00 AM Men's Study Group - Joanie's Creekside Cafe
9:00 AM Grace Notes
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Prayer Meeting - Library
5:00 PM CIRCLES Meeting - FLC & Library
5:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

3
7:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

4
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study - Library
OFFICE CLOSED

5

6
8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)
9:30 AM Nursery
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
10:10 AM Children's Sunday School
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship - FLC
WORLD
Communion Sunday

7
6:00 PM The Story Class (Library)
7:00 PM Praise Team

8
7:00 AM Women's Bible Study - LA Bakery
7:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Library
1:00 PM Staff Meeting - Goodwin
5:30 PM Mission Committee
5:30 & 7:00 PM Committee Mtgs

9
8:00 AM Men's Study Group - Joanie's Creekside Cafe
9:00 AM Grace Notes
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Prayer Meeting - Library
5:00 PM CIRCLES Meeting - FLC & Library
5:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

10
7:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship - Joanie's Creekside Cafe
1:30 PM Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 PM Potluck & Hymn Sing - FLC

11
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study - Library
Newsletter DEADLINE
OFFICE CLOSED

12
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Open House at the Davis Residence

13
8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)
9:30 AM Nursery
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
10:10 AM Children's Sunday School
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship - FLC
11:45 AM Deacons Meeting, Library
1:00 PM Willow B&F Family Ministry - Room TBD

14
6:00 PM The Story Class (Library)

15
7:00 AM Women's Bible Study - LA Bakery
7:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 PM Session (Library)

16
8:00 AM Men's Study Group - Joanie's Creekside Cafe
9:00 AM Grace Notes
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Prayer Meeting - Library
5:00 PM CIRCLES Dinner - FLC & Library
5:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

17
7:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

18
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study - Library

Friendship Dinners
OFFICE CLOSED

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20
8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)
9:30 AM Nursery
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
10:10 AM Children's Sunday School
11:15 AM Deacon Sunday

21
6:00 PM The Story Class (Library)
7:00 PM Praise Team

22
7:00 AM Women's Bible Study - LA Bakery
7:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Library
11:30 AM Desert Schooners - FLC
1:00 PM Staff Meeting - Goodwin

23
8:00 AM Men's Study Group - Joanie's Creekside Cafe
9:00 AM Grace Notes
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Prayer Meeting - Library
5:00 PM CIRCLES Meeting - FLC & Library
5:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
8:00 PM Praise Team

24
7:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

25
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study - Library

Happy Nevada Day
Nevada Day
OFFICE CLOSED

26

27
8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)
9:30 AM Nursery
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
10:10 AM Children's Sunday School
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship - FLC

28
6:00 PM The Story Class (Library)

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5:00 PM CIRCLES MEETING - FLC & Library
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7:00 PM Chancel Choir

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7:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

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This Month's Sermons

October 6: "The Twelve"	Mark 3:13-19
October 13: "Brothers & Sisters"	Mark 3:20-35
October 20: "The Sower"	Mark 4:1-20
October 27: "The Parables"	Mark 4:21-34

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