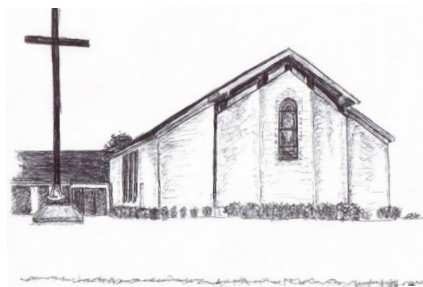


Presby News

JANUARY 2022



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Well it is that time of the year. The new year brings opportunities for each of us to begin again or start something we have never done. 2020 and 2021 almost seem as if they were merged together. We have been living in a global pandemic for almost 2 full years and it has taught us so much. One of the most important things it has taught us is that the next day is not promised to any of us. A new day is a blessing presented to us to steward well and live for the glory of God.

Psalm 90:12

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

What we need as we make plans for the new year is more than calendars, saving money, or eating better. We need a heart of wisdom that only God can give to us. I pray that as you plan you also trust God to give you wisdom to know how to steward every day you have been given in 2022.

Happy New Year to all of you.

In Christ,

Vince Smith

Rev. Vincent Smith

May your mind be focused
and your heart wide open
May new blessings be found
and old curses broken
May God bless your life
with more than you need,
May you use it to bless others
And honor Him in word and deed.

Happy New Year!

SPECIAL DATES

January 1	Happy New Year!
January 2	Second Sunday of Christmas Brookdale Worship Cancelled Communion
January 3	Church Office Closed
January 6	Epiphany of the Lord

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The Epiphany is an ancient Christian feast day and is significant in a number of ways. In the [East](#), where it originated, the Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. It also celebrates Jesus' birth.

The Western Church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century where it was, and still is, associated with the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11 they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

For many Protestant church traditions, the season of Epiphany extends from January 6 until [Ash Wednesday](#), which begins the season of [Lent](#) leading to [Easter](#).

Other traditions, including the Roman Catholic tradition, observe Epiphany as a single day, with the Sundays following Epiphany counted as Ordinary Time.

In the Spanish speaking world Epiphany is also known as *Día de los Reyes* (Three Kings Day).

January Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
January 2	Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	Elder Liturgist: Jim Hockensmith Communion Team: Jim Hockensmith
January 9	Annelize & Dirk Benade	Dirk Benade	
January 16	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
January 23	Jim Hockensmith Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	
January 30	Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	



Kennedy Jewell	1/4
Alexis Ellington	1/13
Dirk Benade, Jr.	1/25
Bill Willson	1/29



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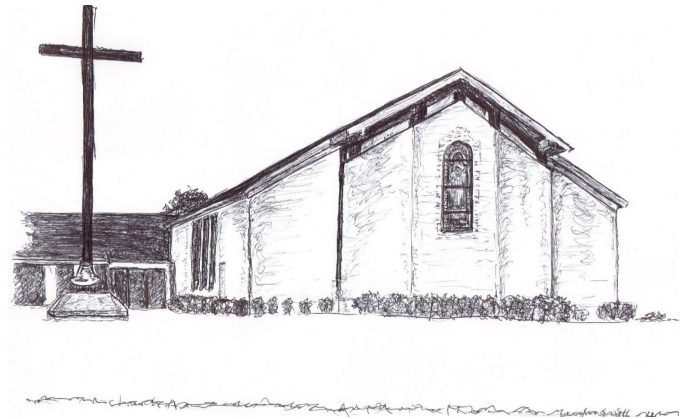
Vince Smith, *Interim Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Music Director*

David Berrocal, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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