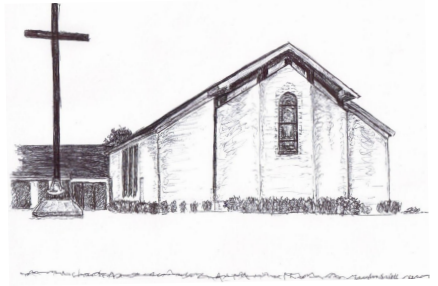


Presby News

AUGUST 2026



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

August always seems to arrive with a mix of heat, hurry, and hope. Schools begin again, routines shift, and we feel the gentle push from summer's long days into the fuller pace of a new season. Our summers seem to whiz past us so quickly. And I'm not just talking about being away from school. The time for fresh garden vegetables just raced past me again this year. The time for beaches, swimming pools, and barbeque parties is quickly shifting to long sleeves, tailgate parties, and football games.

There is something about August that reminds us how quickly life can move. We are still feeling the final weight of summer's heat, yet we are already looking ahead to calendars, classrooms, church activities, and the changes that come with a new month. It is a good time to pause and remember that the Lord is present in every season, even the busiest ones.

The Scripture that comes to mind for this time is Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." That simple truth steadies us when life feels crowded and rushed. God is not only with us in the holidays and mountaintop moments, but also in the ordinary rhythms of August: the first day of school, the last vacation trip near Labor Day, the crowded store, and the hot afternoon that seems to go on forever. God can be felt near us.

As we move through this month, I encourage us to greet the end of summer with gratitude rather than frustration. Summer will soon give way to fall, and the dog days of heat will eventually soften into cooler days. I am sometimes asked what is my favorite season. Even though I may say "Summer," the truth is I enjoy the change of all the seasons. I am thankful for God's design to change each season into a different moment of beauty. As we begin to watch summer shift into fall, let us be faithful where we are, patient with one another, and attentive to the opportunities God places before us. Let us continue to pray for one another and worship together with expectant hearts. Let us seek God's presence to lead us as we watch carefully for the vision God has for us. This is the time God has given us to see Him, enjoy His creation, and serve Him in changing ways.

May the dog days of August remind us that every season has purpose, and that the Lord who orders the times also strengthens His people for each day. May we enter this month with prayer, with joy, and with confidence that God will guide our steps.

In His Grace and Peace,
Bro. Greg



SPECIAL DATES

August 2 9:00 am Brookdale Worship
11:00 am Worship/Communion

August 9 11:00 am Worship

August 16 11:00 am Worship

August 23 11:00 am Worship

August 30 11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Session Meeting





August

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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| Day 1: Deuteronomy 31:6,8 | Day 17: Isaiah 41:13 |
| Day 2: 2 Samuel 10:12 | Day 18: Matthew 10:28 |
| Day 3: 1 Chronicles 17:25 | Day 19: Mark 5:36 |
| Day 4: 2 Chronicles 15:7 | Day 20: Acts 4:29-31 |
| Day 5: Ezra 7:27-28 | Day 21: 1 Corinthians 16:13 |
| Day 6: Psalm 27:1-3 | Day 22: 2 Corinthians 10:1-2 |
| Day 7: Psalm 27:14 | Day 23: Ephesians 3:8-13 |
| Day 8: Psalm 56:3-4 | Day 24: Ephesians 6:10 |
| Day 9: Psalm 62:6-8 | Day 25: Philippians 1:20 |
| Day 10: Psalm 118:6 | Day 26: Colossians 1:11 |
| Day 11: Proverbs 14:26 | Day 27: 2 Timothy 1:7 |
| Day 12: Proverbs 18:11 | Day 28: Hebrews 13:6 |
| Day 13: Proverbs 28:1 | Day 29: James 5:8 |
| Day 14: Isaiah 35:4 | Day 30: 1 Peter 3:5-6 |
| Day 15: Isaiah 40:26 | Day 31: Revelation 2:10 |
| Day 16: Isaiah 40:29 | |

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

August Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
August 2	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	Communion Team: Elizebette Kennedy & Bill Higgins
August 9	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
August 16	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
August 23	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
August 30	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	

AUGUST



Jim Hockensmith

8/5

Elizebette Kennedy

8/22

Let the morning bring me
word of your unfailing
love, for I have put my
trust in you. Show me the
way I should go, for to you
I lift up my soul.
- Psalm 143:8 NIV

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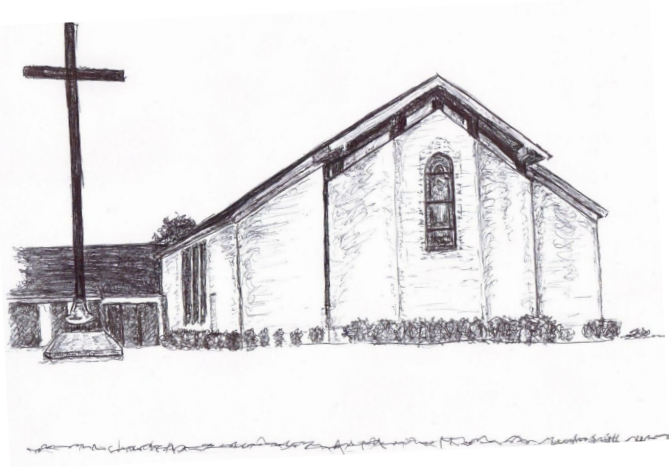
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Greg Carroll, *Interim Pastor*

Jennifer Ciobanu, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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Sunday School—9:45 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m.