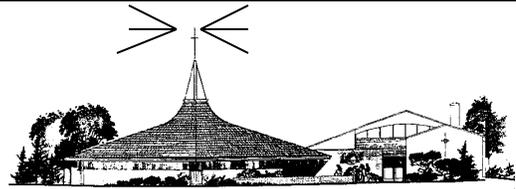


Trinity BEAMS

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People of God... seeking, growing,
and serving through Christ.

New Year's Message FROM THE PASTOR

The day of Epiphany is January 6, the first day after the twelfth day of Christmas (did you get your twelve drummers drumming?) Epiphany celebrates the coming of the magi. According to Matthew, who is the only one to tell this story, the magi enter the house where “they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.” Jesus receives three gifts and the magi return to their own country.

In the days between Epiphany and the next immediate Sunday, Jesus does a lot of growing. The first Sunday after Epiphany is known, liturgically, as the Baptism of the Lord. Not the presentation of Jesus in the temple about which Luke tells us, but a grown-up Jesus being baptized by John in the river Jordan.

Each of the gospels has a story to tell about John, but only Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell of Jesus’ baptism. No doubt the idea of Jesus’ baptism was problematic. Given that baptism is for repentance and forgiveness of sins, why would Jesus need that? Luke and Matthew have already told us that Jesus is born of the Holy Spirit, and John solves the problem by omitting Jesus’ baptism altogether. Only Mark remains as a bit of a mystery, as Mark tells us no birth narrative. In Mark’s story it begins with John proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and Jesus is right there to go under. When he arises, the Spirit descends upon him, and he hears the voice of God say that God is pleased with him.

Jesus’ baptism, celebrated on the second Sunday in January, is an intriguing thing biblically. Not so much with us, however, as we are part of the crowd that needs a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin or, at least, a renunciation of sin as the modern liturgy prompts us.

In the Presbyterian church, baptism is closely related to our ordination to office. The three offices of the church—Elder, Deacon, and Minister of Word and Sacrament—each acknowledge baptism in the ordination ceremony. This year we have 5 Elders and 7 Deacons whom you have elected who will be installed on January 9, the Baptism of the Lord. As part of that installation service is a reaffirmation of baptism by the congregation. As our Directory of Worship puts it, “In Baptism, each Christian is called to ministry in Christ’s name...In the lives of believers and in congregational life there are special occasions of awakening, renewal, and commitment [which] are appropriately celebrated through the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant.”

It is always a special day when we stop to acknowledge those called to particular service in the church. This year I invite everyone to be in worship on January 9 so that we might all reaffirm the promises made at our own baptism, remembering that in our Baptism, we have been set free from sin, marked as Christ’s own, and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

- *Rev. Jim Hawley*



REMEMBER OUR
HOMEBOUND

Each month we publish a listing of members and their immediate families, and guests of Trinity who are living in health care, assisted living facilities, semi shut-in at home, hospitalized, or recuperating from surgery or illness. We encourage you to pray for these friends, send them a note, call or visit them. Call the church for addresses/phone.

Those in nursing centers, assisted living,
or semi shut-in at home

Wayne Bailie - Meadowlark Hills
Ron & Dorine Bergren - Home
Bernice Brighton - Meadowlark Hills
Carol Geren - Home
Mary Lou Kenworthy
- Presbyterian Manor, Wichita, KS
Joe Ann Wood Moore - Meadowlark Hills
Delores Nash - Home



Prayerful sympathy is extended to Pastor Jim Hawley and his family on the death of his brother, John Hawley, December 12.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4. Joe Ann Wood Moore
16. Diane Biere
25. Pat Heinsohn

Deacons' Meeting
January 4, 6:30 p.m.

Session Meeting
January 12, 6:00 p.m.

TPW Bible Study/Circle
January 6, 9:30 .m.

TPW Coordinating Team Meeting
January 17, 1:00 p.m.
Moderator: Kay Robinson



SUNDAY WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

If you are not able to worship in person, the service is streamed live on our Facebook page.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Following worship each Sunday we invite you to join others in the fellowship hall for coffee, treats, and conversation.

Fellowship Hour Hosts

1st Sunday - Co Roblyer & Nancy Webb
2nd Sunday - Carolyn Kelly
3rd Sunday - Arlo & Diane Biere
4th Sunday - Lynn & Susan Tolley

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

January 9 during worship.

2022 Officers

Session

Arlo Biere, Clerk of Session
Dick Green Sheryl Kobiskie
Lynn Tolley Orlan Buller

Deacons

Sherry Nelson, Moderator
Jan Byars Marsha Stroade
Sarah Ellerbeck Barbara Green
Mark Brown-Barnett
Karyl Croft

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your cards, thoughts and prayers for Jack and myself over the past several weeks. I certainly appreciate all of you as our church family. I feel very cared for and loved.

- Marsha Stroade

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
DUE JANUARY 4, 2022

2021 annual reports are due in the church office January 4. Chairpersons of committees and organizations within the church are responsible for these reports. Email, bring or mail your report to the church. If you have questions, contact Berneda.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 23

The annual congregational meeting will be held January 23 following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2019 annual reports and to act on any matters pertaining to these items. We hope to have annual reports ready for members to pick up the Sunday before the meeting so you will have time to read through them and bring any questions or comments you might have to the meeting.

JANUARY CHURCH EVENTS

2 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship/No Communion Fellowship hour following worship
4 - Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
5 - Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
6 - Thursday	9:30 a.m.	TPW Circle/Bible Study
9 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Installation of Officers Fellowship hour following worship
12 - Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
16 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Fellowship hour following worship
17 - Monday	1:00 p.m.	TPW Coordinating Team meeting
23 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship followed by Congregational Meeting Fellowship hour following meeting
30 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Fellowship hour following worship



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Pastor - Rev. James Hawley - 785-577-9330 (cell)
Secretary - Berneda Jewell
Music Director - Susan Tolley
Accompanist - Amanda Arrington
Custodians - Steve & Elaine Johannes
Treasurer - Karyl Croft
KSU Campus Pastor - Rev. Christian Watkins

**NEW OFFICE HOURS
BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2022**
9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday

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