




Long Cane *Currents*

Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church
Monthly Newsletter
JANUARY 2022
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“ Lord Jesus,
I thank You that You are
with me, that You are
in me. Resolutions might
come in one year and go
out the other. Open my
ears this year, so that
I can hear You and enjoy
You at every junction,
when You tell me to turn
right or left. Amen.”

PETE BRISCOE

womans day



JOIN US FOR FIRST SUNDAY
COFFEE & DONUTS AT 10:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

HIGH FIVES
A Pat on the Back For a Job Well Done

👋 Thank you to everyone who made
Christmas at Upper Long Cane wonder-
ful! From the poinsettias and nativity
scene, to generous community gifts, to
the children’s programs, we are blessed
with a spirit-filled congregation.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD 2022
FOR THE NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY.



Service of Ordination and Installation

For incoming Session Officers, Class of 2024

Dana Bonds Eddie Suber

Lynn McClain Gail Gambrell

Will be held on Sunday, January 2nd 2022 during morning worship.



We Offer Our Sympathy and Prayers
To The Family Of
Grace Arant Bowen Utsey
Who Passed Away December 8, 2021.



We Offer Our Sympathy and Prayers
To The Family Of
John Alan Waldrop
Who Passed Away December 8, 2021.

MEMORIALS

Contributions were given in memory of *Nita Berard* to the General Fund by Johnny and Lynn McClain, Wayne and Marsha Patterson, Barry and Ann Leigher, and the Fellowship SS Class.

Contributions were given in memory of *Grace Utsey* to the General Fund by Wayne and Marsha Patterson, Barry and Ann Leigher, Johnny and Lynn McClain, Gail Gambrell, and Beth Kelly.

Contributions were given in memory of *John Waldrop* to the General Fund by Wayne and Marsha Patterson, Barry and Ann Leigher, Johnny and Lynn McClain, Gail Gambrell, Gordon W. Smith, Beth Kelly, and Rick and Ann Campbell.

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

2 Alison Henderson
9 Ann Campbell
16 Ruby Hedden
23 Edna F. & Bailey B.
30 Amy Patterson

Elder of the Month:

Children's Church

Andrea Norman
Ann Leigher
Lynn & Johnny McClain
Dana B. & Madison S.
Marty Patterson



During the Christmas Joy Gift Offering we received \$385.00 to forward to the PCUSA.

Thank you to all those who prepared the spaghetti dinner and contributed to the special offering.

PUBLICATIONS

If you have announcements, news or photos which could be published in the newsletter, bulletin, or online; or if you have contact information for someone who would like to receive copies, please send them to the church office: 366-4340 or ulcpc@wctel.net.

REMINDERS

- Approved session minutes and presbytery newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.

BIRTHDAY OF A KING
presented by
the Youth in December



Christmas PARADE



December 11th 2021

Epiphany



Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ. *An excerpt from the [Companion to the Book of Common Worship](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 94-95)*

The word "epiphany" (from the Greek *epiphaneia* or *theophaneia*) means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. ... Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

Credit: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/epiphany/>

Baptism of the Lord

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove and we hear the voice of God: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (see Psalm 2:7).

At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ. Accordingly, this Sunday is an appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of baptism or the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. It also foreshadows the season of Lent, as Jesus was immediately driven into the wilderness for 40 days after his own Baptism.

GOD'S RULE INAUGURATED - *An excerpt from the [Companion to the Book of Common Worship](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 148).* The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to that feast. Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God.



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Forward media suggestions, photos and articles to the church office.

Recorded worship services are available. Phone the church office at 864-366-4340 to request a copy.

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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022	CLASS OF 2023
Melvin Clark, Sr. Angie Latham Marsha Patterson Glenda Pruitt	Edna Faggart Anna Haynes Robert Hedden Josh Henderson	Ann Leigher Barry Leigher Kelly Simpson Chris Haynes

MISSION STATEMENT

The Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church of Abbeville, South Carolina, supports the Great Ends of the Church as presented in the *Book of Order*. We are a community of believers, diversified in our thinking but united in our purpose. We welcome into our congregation all persons who wish to worship and who wish to be in service to God. It is through God's grace and guidance that we grow in faith and as we grow in faith we minister to the spiritual as well as to the physical needs of each other and of our community.

Approved by The Session, May 20, 1998

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