



North Garland

CHURCH OF CHRIST

We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events

Combined Class in the Auditorium for the Children's Christmas Program

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 24 – Office Closed
- Dec. 24 – Candlelight Vigil
- Dec. 25 – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec. 31 – Office Closed
- Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Family Fun Night (5-8 p.m.)
- Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Youth Group Lock In (8 p.m. – 8 a.m.)
- Jan. 1 – New Year's Day-Office Closed
- Jan. 12 – Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 15 – Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Corn, Garlic Bread, Reese's Peanut Cup Chocolate Cake

Record for 12-15-19

Bible Class.....	99
Morning Worship.....	176
Contribution	\$8,503.61
Budget	\$6,634.62
Served at Pantry	90 families
.....	247 total people

Birthdays

December:

- 22nd Jadey Lincoln
- 28th Erik Granberg (40!!)
- Bill Spencer

Anniversaries

- 28th Sean & Kelsey Sellers
- 6 Years!!**

Order of Worship

Song Leader	Sean Sellers			
#997	O Come, All Ye Faithful			
#1002	Angels We Have Heard on High			
Welcome/Scripture: Acts 10:34-36	Erik Granberg			
Opening Prayer	Matt Nichols			
#1017	Away in a Manger			
#996	O Little Town of Bethlehem			
#4	To God Be the Glory			
Communion Talk	Brent Dittmeyer			
Brent Dittmeyer	Roger Unruh	Danny Powers	Dennis Hartman	
Jerod Burford	Brett Thornton	Kevin Hurt	Trenn Watson	
#998	What Child Is This?			
.....	We Three Kings			
.....	Dismiss Children			
Sermon: Peace	Erik Granberg			
#1001	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing			
Closing/Announcements	Gordon Jantz			
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Meek			
Children's Worship	Gina Thornton			
Nursery	Kayla Nichols; Barbara Holland			
Sound Booth	Jim Coker			
Slides	Dudley Darrow			

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 2:14

Sermon Thought: Peace is something everyone wants, yet few seem to find. It can be defined as "tranquility, harmony, or security. A key focus of peace in the New Testament is the advent of Jesus Christ, as announced by the angels in Luke 2, "Peace on earth...."

Sermon Questions:

1. Describe the best moments of peace in your life?
2. What disrupts peace for you?
3. What changes could you make so that your life has more peace?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Mary Raloff** – recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Jenny Kastle** – young mother diagnosed with terminal brain cancer; step-daughter of Cindy Geitzenauer's co-worker
- **Helen Coker** – Jim Coker's mom; recovering from sepsis, e-coli, & a broken arm

Next Week's (12/29) Servants:

Song Leader: Landon Geitzenauer

Opening Prayer: Derek Tinius

Communion Talk: Gordon Jantz

Lead Servant: Cory Moore

Servers: David Burford
Zach Guymon
Bill Oldham
John Wright
George Gordon
Dee Plummer

Shepherd's Prayer: John Wright

Sound Booth: Terry Sherrill

Slides: Chris Taylor

Nursery Attendants: Brigitte Elledge
Kelsey Sellers

Children's Worship: Derek Tinius
Kim Tinius



Completes Our Eternal Glory

“Holy and Pure”

Oh how I wished I could say that I was the perfect child growing up – that I never did anything wrong – that I was always obedient to my parents. Now mind you I came pretty close, but I still fell short – especially the time I told my dad to shut up! It has always puzzled me that we are so easily given to sin in our lives when we are created in God's image. God created us **holy and pure**, but we mess it up with the choices we make. He tells us to “*be holy, for I am holy*” (Lev. 11:44). How important is this to God? Important enough for him to send his Son to die for us! Therefore, in Christ we have the ability to “*be perfect, as our heavenly Father is perfect*” (Matt. 5:48). Yea! I can finally complete my childhood limitation for perfection.

When we give our lives to Christ, we are clothed in his holiness. “*For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ*” (Gal. 3:26-27). You see, in Christ we stand before God **holy and pure**. The Hebrew writer gives us this assurance. “*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water*” (Heb. 10:22). Our sins are forgiven, and we are again made perfect, just as we were when he created us. We have now been set free from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2), but we must be careful not to use this freedom in the wrong way. As Paul reminds us, “*For you have been called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another*” (Gal. 5:13). Keeping our spiritual eyes focused on Christ will guide us on our journey toward heaven. Let us savor the blessing of God's love that allows us to **holy and pure** – just as he is.

Gordon-

Candlelight Vigil

Come join us this Christmas Eve from 6-7 p.m. for a special night of worship by candlelight.

Family Fun Night/Lock-In

December 31st we will be having a family fun night followed by a lock-in for the youth group! The family fun night will be from 6-8 p.m. Snacks will be provided. We will be having a HUGE nerf war so bring your nerf guns and ammo! Immediately following family fun night, the youth group will start their lock-in and bring in the New Year together! There will be tons of fun activities and games planned! Please bring a gift (\$15 or less) for a dirty Santa gift exchange. The lock-in will be over at 8:00 a.m. Jan. 1st.

Life Group Sign-Up

Life Groups have been a valued part of our North Garland family for the past eight years. They have been instrumental in fulfilling our vision of “growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.” Many lives have been touched through the Life Group activities and projects that have been accomplished. God has been glorified in all we have done. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider being part of our Life Group ministry as we make plans for 2020. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center where you can indicate your desire to be part of these spiritually transforming groups. If you would be willing to be a leader for one of our Life Groups, please indicate that as well. May God bless you!

Thank You

Thank you so much to the Ladies' Class for all the Christmas goodies and the visit. We appreciate you thinking of us.

Love, Cathy Burkhardt and Avanel Long