

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

H.O.P.E Group 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 7 – No Ladies' Class**
- Jan. 8 – Meal:** Pizza, Fruit Salad, Green Salad, Churro Cheesecake
- Jan. 12 – Elders/Deacons Meeting** 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 14 – Ladies' Class** 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 15 – Meal:** Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Corn, Garlic Bread, Reese's Peanut Cup Chocolate Cake
- Jan. 21 – Ladies' Class** 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 28 – Ladies' Class** 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 29 – Meal:** Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Dessert

Record for 12-29-19

Bible Class.....	72
Morning Worship.....	171
Contribution	\$4,720.00
Budget	\$6,634.62

Birthdays

January:

- 9th** Bob Willett
- 10th** Audrey Darrow
 Madison Solis
- 11th** Guin Williams

Order of Worship

Song Leader **Robb Mills**
#4..... To God Be the Glory
 Hear, O Israel
 In Moments Like These
Welcome/Scripture: John 14:6 **Stephen Lincoln**
Opening Prayer **Dudley Darrow**
 On Bended Knee
 How Deep the Father's Love
 Com to the Table of Mercy
Communion Talk..... **Ken Edwards**
 Ken Edwards Bryce Thornton Jim Coker Derek Tinius
 Hal Johnson Zach Guymon Matt Nichols Mike Armour
 Lord, Reign in Me
#679..... 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
 **Dismiss Children**
#560..... Living By Faith
Sermon: Look at Epiphany..... **Erik Granberg**
#147..... I Stand Amazed
Closing/Announcements..... **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **Brent Dittmeyer**

Children's Worship..... **Brenda Wright**
Nursery **Susan Oldham; Geneva Osburn**
Sound Booth **Sean Sellers**
Slides **Terry Sherrill**

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon Thought: You have probably heard a phrase similar to, "I had an epiphany!" when a person has a sudden moment of inspiration or an, "ah-ha" moment of some kind. The word epiphany actually refers to the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles as represented by the Magi. So yes, epiphany is a revelation, but not just any revelation, it is the revelation of Jesus Christ!

- Sermon Questions:**
1. Share a moment when you had moment of great realization spiritually speaking, perhaps something like understanding God in a fuller way or finally having something confusing clarified for you.
 2. What do you think people find most confusing about faith in God?
 3. What stood out to you from today's sermon?

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Jan Petrik** – having heart bypass surgery the 8th
- **Dakota** – Christy Cochran's 15-year-old nephew; diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma, is starting chemo.
- **Helen Coker** – Jim Coker's mom; recovering from sepsis, e-coli, & a broken arm
- **Ken Albert Family** – Gene Denney's brother-in-law; passed away
- **Tinius Family** – as they grieve for their nieces
- **Bob Willett** – recovering from multiple strokes & a fall

Next Week's (1/12) Servants:

Song Leader: Stephen Lincoln

Opening Prayer: David Burford

Communion Talk: Shannon Elledge

Lead Servant: Cory Moore

Servers: Beau Brownell
Bill Spencer
Kaiser Webb
Derek Tinius
Dan Kent
Sean Sellers

Shepherd's Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth: Dee Plummer

Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery Attendants: Kim Spencer
Wendy Taylor

Children's Worship: Geneva Osburn

Your Kingdom Come "A Kingdom"

I begin a spiritual quest this year to learn more about what it means to live in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus introduced us to that aspect of our spiritual lives when he taught his disciples to pray. *"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"* (Matt. 6:9-10). Amazing! God not only sent his Son to earth to experience life with us and show us the Father, but he also set up for us **a kingdom**. This is a spiritual kingdom so it is not visible to our human eyes as the world is around us. The Kingdom of Heaven is where we walk with God and his Son Jesus as we are guided by the Holy Spirit that lives in us. It is **a kingdom** where we *"live and move and have our being"* with God our creator as we read in Acts 17:28. It is through Jesus, the manifestation of God's invisible nature, that we can behold the joy and glory of living in **a spiritual kingdom**.

Jesus teaches us a lot about this Kingdom of Heaven by comparing life and events from this physical world with it. He takes the things we can see and know to show us how to live in the spiritual kingdom he has given us. The parables of Jesus teach what living in **a kingdom** is like, and how we need to be focused on the spiritual element of life. When we do, we are eternally connected with the Father and the Son. As Jesus prayed before returning to the Father, *"I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as you Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me"* (Jn. 17:20-21). I pray that you will also enjoy this spiritual journey with me as we learn from Jesus what living in **a kingdom** is all about. It will change our lives and the glory of the Lord will radiate from us as we serve him in his Heavenly Kingdom.

Gordon



HE HAS MADE
Everything
beautiful
IN ITS TIME ECCLE 3:11