

# 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**

Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 a.m.

HOPE Group-6-8 p.m.  
(Eat before you come.)

**Upcoming Events**

- Oct. 18 – H.O.P.E Group 6-8 p.m.
- Oct. 23 – Rustic Roots (1st-5<sup>th</sup> grades)  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 24 – Middle School Spooky Movie  
Night at the Lincolns' 6:30-9 p.m.
- Oct. 25 – H.O.P.E Group Pumpkin  
Carving

**Record for 10-04-20**

Morning Worship..... 121  
Contribution ..... \$12,190.00  
Budget ..... \$6,634.62  
Households served at Pantry..... ???  
Total people served at Pantry..... ???

**Birthdays:**

**October:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Christy Cochran  
Maddie Lincoln
- 12<sup>th</sup> Buddy Rogers  
Libby Owen
- 15<sup>th</sup> Kaiser Webb  
Kutter Smith
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dawn Webb
- 17<sup>th</sup> Deana LeCrone

**Order of Worship**

**Children's Worship**..... **Derek Tinius**  
**Welcome/Scripture:** John 13:34-35 ..... **Stephen Lincoln**  
**Opening Prayer** ..... **Dudley Darrow**  
**Song Leader** ..... **Danny Powers**  
 ..... Hear, O Israel  
 #874 ..... Walking Alone at Eve  
 #382 ..... Why Did My Savior Come to Earth  
**Communion Talk**..... **Cory Moore**  
 ..... **Dismiss Children**  
 #540 ..... O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink  
 #639 ..... Rescue the Perishing  
**Sermon** ..... **Erik Granberg**  
 #429 ..... Oh, to Be Like Thee  
**Closing/Announcements**..... **Gordon Jantz**  
**Shepherd's Prayer** ..... **TBD**

**Children's Worship**..... **Geneva Osburn**  
**Nursery** ..... **Kelli Moore**  
**Sound Booth** ..... **Jim Coker**  
**Slides** ..... **Mandy Coker**

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 9:36

**Sermon Thought:** Today's sermon looked at Christ's characteristic of compassion. Compassion can be defined as, "Concern for the suffering or misfortune of others." To be sure, there is a lot of suffering and misfortune in the world. As followers of Christ, there are many opportunities for compassion.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What troubles in the world do you find it easy to have compassion for?
2. Sometimes having compassion can be difficult, why?
3. What benefits might there be to living a compassionate life?

## New Prayer Concerns:

### All those affected with COVID-19

**Hartsell Johnson Family** – a former preacher at 8<sup>th</sup> & Main; passed-away last week

**Francisco** – a COVID-19 patient next door to Susan Oldham; has given up on life

**Joe Williams** – please pray for comfort as he is with his dad who is dying

**Rick Combs** – friend of Geneva Osburn; recovering from open heart surgery

**Carrie** – Geneva Osburn's boss's daughter; having heart problems

**Cheryl Siders** – having a "watchman" heart implant on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> to filter blood clots from getting into her heart & lungs

**Shawn Hughes** – Darlene Shepard's son-in-law; in critical condition with COVID-19. Slowly improving.

**Lorie Manly** – will have knee surgery Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Susan Oldham** – lungs improving slowly from Covid/Pneumonia. She is feeling better & in good spirits.

**Barbara Weise** – Karen Manley's mom; in skilled nursing recovering from kidney failure

**Brad Goodwin** – Carol Baxter's son-in-law; recovering from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns

### Next Week's (10/18/20) Servants:

**Song Leader:** Stephen Lincoln

**Opening Prayer:** Matt Nichols

**Communion Talk:** Tom Raloff

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Terry Sherrill

**Sound Booth:** Dudley Darrow

**Slides:** Chris Taylor

**Nursery:** Charlotte Owen

**Children's Worship:** Dee & Alyssa Plummer

In my preparations during the, "Imitation of Christer," sermon series I came across this article, enjoy. -Erik Granberg

## The Character of Jesus

When we read the Gospels about Jesus what do we see?

One striking feature of the accounts is how they give us no description of Jesus's appearance... We live in an age intensely concerned with image and nearly obsessed with looks. But here all the emphasis is, we might say, not on the quality of his skin but on the content of his character. And that character was remarkable.

Particularly impressive to readers over the centuries has been what one writer has called "an admirable conjunction of diverse excellencies in Jesus Christ." That is, in him we see qualities and virtues we would ordinarily consider incompatible in the same person. We would never think they could be combined but, because they are, they are strikingly beautiful. Jesus combines high majesty with the greatest humility, he joins the strongest commitment to justice with astonishing mercy and grace, and he reveals a transcendent self-sufficiency and yet entire trust in and reliance upon his heavenly Father. We are surprised to see tenderness without any weakness, boldness without harshness, humility without any uncertainty, indeed, accompanied by a towering confidence. Readers can discover for themselves his unbending convictions but complete approachability, his insistence on truth but always bathed in love, his power without insensitivity, integrity without rigidity, passion without prejudice.

One of the most counterintuitive combinations in Jesus's life, that of truth and love, is seen everywhere in the pages of the Gospels. Then as now, people rejected and shamed those who held beliefs or practices that they thought wrong and immoral. But Jesus astonished everyone by being willing to eat with tax collectors, collaborators with the occupying Roman imperial forces. This outraged those we might call the "Left," those zealous against oppression and injustice. But he also welcomed and ate with prostitutes ([Matthew 21:31-32](#)), which offended those promoting conservative, traditional morality on the "Right," ....

Nevertheless, though welcoming and befriending all, Jesus was surprisingly insistent on bearing witness to the truth. [His words ring true], "Go now and leave your life of sin" ([John 8:11](#)). Here we see the counterintuitive but brilliant conjunction of both truth and love, both a passion for justice and a commitment to mercy. He is full of grace and truth ([John 1:14](#)).

Content taken from [Making Sense of God](#) by Timothy Keller.