



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

Order of Worship

Upcoming Events

Dec. 25 – Christmas-Office Closed
Dec. 31 – Office Closed
Jan. 10 – Norman Youth Rally
Jan. 16 – Mercy House 4-8 p.m.
Jan. 23 – Youth Group Trip to the Jenk's Aquarium

Record for 12-20-20

Morning Worship..... 109
 Contribution \$4,455.00
 Budget \$6,634.62

Birthdays:

December:

28th Erik Granberg
 Bill Spencer
29th Tammi Long

Anniversaries:

29th John & Brenda Wright
31st Matt & Kayla Nichols

Song Leader **Beau Brownell**
 #129 Amazing Grace
 #851 I'll Fly Away
Welcome/Scripture **Stephen Lincoln**
Opening Prayer **Gordon Jantz**
 #517 Heaven Came Down
 #922 Jesus Paid It All
Communion Talk..... **John Wright**
 **Dismiss Children**
 #560 Living by Faith
 #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Sermon: "The One Who Makes All Things New" **Erik Granberg**
 #346 He Lives
Closing/Announcements..... **Gordon Jantz**
Shepherd's Prayer **Brent Dittmeyer**

Children's Worship **Geneva Osburn**
Nursery **Tania Unruh**
Sound Booth **Robb Mills**
Slides **Dudley Darrow**

Sermon Scripture: Revelation 21:1-5

Sermon Thought: This is the last Sunday of the year so let's all say, "Good riddance 2020!" Moving forward, I hear many people talking about the future because there are many reasons for hope next year. As followers of God, we have a significant reason for hope that is not dependent on what year it is. Our hope is in the one who makes all things new.

Sermon Questions:

1. What reasons do you hear people giving for hope next year?
2. Why is hope so powerful?
3. How is hope in God, the one who makes all things new, different from hope in something else?

New Prayer Concerns:

All those affected with COVID-19

Verda Haltom – Jeanita Meek's mom; put on hospice care

Jacqueline Anderson – pray that her thyroid ultrasound on the 30th will come back negative

Linda Swart – recovering from shoulder surgery

Annie Sheets – Jovita's grandson's mother; been in the hospital for 2 months with a perforated colon. Pray that she will regain enough strength to endure surgery.

Next Week's (1/3/21) Servants:

Song Leader: Jim Coker

Opening Prayer: Dudley Darrow

Communion

Talk: Robb Mills

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth: Dee Plummer

Slides: Mandy Coker

Nursery: Jamie Barr

Children's

Worship: Brenda Wright

Where the Lord Leads, we will Follow

Carol and I have been richly blessed these past 22 years serving the Lord in his kingdom. We have given our lives to going **where the Lord leads, we will follow**. When I look back on where he has led us – guided us – and sustained us, I tremble! There is no way we could have done the things we did without the Lord's presence. It is our constant prayer that he is glorified in everything we do.

The North Garland family has truly been awesome! Your spirit and love for each member has been inspiring to us. We see your commitment to taking care of the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of God's precious souls. You have taken us in and made us a special part of the church family. We thank you for filling us with joy and peace.

Our spirits are touched as we watch the Lord work through our actions, our words, our prayers, and our presence in the lives of his people. He is there guiding our steps as we plan our daily activities. We read in Proverbs 16:9, "*A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.*" The Lord assures us as we seek to minister to those in need, it is not only those we minister to who are blessed, but we also receive a bountiful blessing. Our spirits are filled – our lives are made richer – and we are inspired to continue our spiritual journey of service. God sees your work and he is pleased. He hears your prayers and answers them out of his eternal goodness. He feels the love you have for each other and the lost, and he is glad he sacrificed his Son so we could have eternal life. Can you believe God is with us every day? It is "*in him we live and move and have our being*" (Acts 17:28).

As Carol and I begin a new chapter of our spiritual lives, we remain committed to going **where the Lord leads, we will follow!** His work is not finished, and we look forward to the blessings the Lord will bring to the North Garland family.

Gordon Jantz

Thank You

Thank you for the Christmas package and for your prayers. I am feeling great and God has answered our prayers. I have my energy and memory back. I can't wait until I can worship again with you.

Marion Howell

Thank you very much for the Christmas package. It was such a surprise to find it when I went outside. Love,

Buster Keeton

Sunday Night Praise & Prayer Service

Starting in the new year, we will be having a Sunday night praise & prayer service. We will spend 30-45 minutes singing old and new songs, praying, and having an occasional devotional. We will begin this on January 3rd at 6:00 p.m. and repeat each 1st and 3rd Sunday nights. Let Jim Coker or Robb Mills know if you have any questions.