



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

Merry Christmas!!

Upcoming Events

- Dec 26 – Office Closed
- Dec 29 – Office Closed
- Jan 2 – Office Closed
- Jan 8 – Youth Area Wide in Dewey
- Jan 13-15 – Winterfest
- Jan 22 – H.O.P.E. Group
- Feb 5 – Youth Area Wide (We are hosting)

Birthdays:

- 28th Erik Granberg
- 29th Tammi Long

Pantry Numbers:

November:

- Total Households 260
- New Patrons 36

December:

- Total Households 217

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Dee Plummer
Pilgrim's Praise	Erik Granberg
#1018.....	<i>Joy to the World</i>
#1002.....	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
#998.....	<i>What Child is This</i>
Prayer	TBD
#1017.....	<i>Away in the Manger</i>
	<i>Little Drummer Boy</i>
Communion Talk	Dudley Darrow
#1001.....	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>
#999.....	<i>The First Noel</i>
Sermon: Come to Jesus with Gifts	Erik Granberg
#1012.....	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Nursery	Kassidy Roberts
Sound Booth/Slides	Jim Coker

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 2

Sermon Thought:

So far, our sermon series has focused on what we can receive when we come to Jesus. Today's sermon looks at what we bring to Jesus. The magi brought gifts when they came to Jesus, we also out to bring our gifts when we come to Jesus.

Sermon Questions:

1. What are you good at?
2. Have you considered the talents you have? What does it look like to use your talents and gifts to glorify God?
3. What have you enjoyed from this series? What has challenged you from this series?

Mary

New Prayer Concerns:

Kathy Dittmeyer – undergoing chemotherapy

Connie Harper – a pantry patron; has 2 types of cancer

Brett Thornton – recovering from hernia surgery

Seth Olson – Kayla Thornton's brother; his eye disease has come back, please pray for a quick recovery

Next Week's (1/1/23) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Jim Coker

Pilgrim's Praise: Erik Granberg

Prayer: Gordon Jantz

Communion

Talk: Terry Sherrill

Shepherd's

Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth/

Slides: Robb Mills

Nursery: Kim Tinius

Fill Communion: Carol Baxter
For January

Wash Baptismal Garments

for January: Carol Jantz

This is a glorious time of year as we reflect on the greatest gift we have ever received – salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. What a wonderful blessing it was for Mary to be chosen to bring our gift – the Son of God – into the world. Can you imagine what went through Mary's mind when the angel of the Lord told her "*Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!... Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus*" (Lk. 1:28 & 30). This divine act brings to mind the lyrics of a precious song. "Mary did you know that when you kissed your baby boy, you kissed the face of God? Did you know he has walked where angles trod? Mary did you know your baby boy is the Lord of all creation?"

Then the shepherds appeared telling her of their experience and "*Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart*" (Lk 2:19). Then there were the anxious moments for Mary when their twelve-year-old son was missing on the way home from Jerusalem. Jesus' response that he "*must be in my Father's house*" are words Mary kept in her heart (Lk. 2:49 & 51).

Mary's faith gave her the strength and wisdom to embrace all the elements of her son's life. She was filled with joy during Jesus' ministry as she watched him and heard of all the wonderful things he did. Mary then experienced the greatest blessing of her son's life when he was crucified on the cross (Jn. 19:26-27). Praise God for Mary's example of a mother's love and her abiding faith giving us a perfect gift for our Christmas season – Eternal life through her precious son – our Savior!

Gordon Jantz

Wednesday Night Ladies Class

We will be meeting in the family room at the church building from 6:15-7:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening during the months of January, February, and March. We will be looking at many biblical examples as we discuss "The Joys of Women's Friendships."

Five of our ladies have agreed to facilitate our class on different nights, and we look forward to seeing each of you there.

