



# 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.**

### Upcoming Events:

- Dec 24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6-7 p.m.
- Dec 25** – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec 26** – Office Closed
- Dec 29** – Office Closed
- Jan 1** – Office Closed
- Jan 12-14** – Winterfest (Please let Cole know by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> if you are going)

\*\*\* There will be no Wednesday night meals in the month of December. \*\*\*

### Order of Worship

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| <b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....                        | <b>Derek Tinius</b>                    |
| <b>Song Leader/Welcome</b> .....                     | <b>Glenn Walker</b>                    |
| .....  | <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>    |
| .....  | <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>    |
| .....  | <i>Silent Night! Holy Night!</i>       |
| <b>Prayer</b> .....                                  | <b>TBD</b>                             |
| .....  | <i>I Am Mine No More</i>               |
| .....  | <i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>   |
| <b>Communion Talk</b> .....                          | <b>Dee Plummer</b>                     |
| .....  | <i>Your Loving Kindness</i>            |
| .....  | <i>I Keep Falling in Love with Him</i> |
| <b>Sermon: Fall On Your Knees in Surrender</b> ..... | <b>Erik Granberg</b>                   |
| .....  | <i>Restore My Soul</i>                 |
| <b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....                       | <b>Terry Sherrill</b>                  |
| <b>Nursery</b> .....                                 | <b>Wendy &amp; Eleanor Taylor</b>      |
| <b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....                      | <b>Trey Johnson</b>                    |

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 7:35-50

### Sermon Thought:

In this scripture a "sinful" woman washes Jesus' feet with her tears and perfume. We can gather that she was kneeling before Jesus for several reason: because she was a mess, because she felt the release of forgiveness and because she loved him for it and she felt at peace.

### Sermon Questions:

1. Jesus said it is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick. What did he mean by this?
2. What mental process does the one who surrenders, or waves the "white flag," need to have?
3. How does humbling yourself allow God to lift you up?

### Prayer Requests:

**Carol Jantz** – shoulder replacement surgery has been postponed

**Cheryl Siders** – still recovering from open heart surgery; in ICU on a ventilator

**Dylan & Kyle Anderson** – both recovering from tonsillectomies

**Jackie Shock** – Jacqueline Anderson's dad; having shoulder surgery next Tuesday

### Birthdays:

17<sup>th</sup>..... Brigitte Elledge

19<sup>th</sup>..... Kim Burford

21<sup>st</sup>..... Cole Roberts

### Next Week's (12/24/23) Servants:

#### Song Leader

**Welcome:** Dee Plummer

**Pilgrim's Praise:** Trey Johnson

#### Communion

**Talk:** Jim Coker

#### Shepherd's

**Prayer:** Brent Dittmeyer

#### Sound Booth/

**Slides:** Jim Coker

**Nursery:** Kim Tinius

#### Greeters For

**December:** Faye Garrison

Monte & Diane Snider

## A Spiritual Journey

### Spiritual Fruit

I believe it is safe to say we all like fruit of some kind. What we enjoy eating will vary for each one of us, and what we eat can be different for special occasions. One thing is certain about the fruit we eat, it is healthy for our physical bodies.

The interesting thing about fruit is that it was the source of mankind's major down fall. Eve told the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die'" (Gen. 3:2-3). Sin entered the world when Satan convinced Eve it was okay to eat of the forbidden fruit. In our spiritual journey, there are times when we also do things against God's will. However, when we keep his commandments and statutes, he will bless us with an abundance of **spiritual fruit**. "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground" (Deut. 30:9-10). When we allow God's word to take root in our hearts, it will produce a harvest of spiritual fruit (Mk. 4:20). James writes, "Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures" (Jas. 1:18). God gave Adam and Eve an abundance of good fruit in the garden to nourish their lives, and now he provides us **spiritual fruit** as we journey toward our eternal home in heaven. Here is the good fruit God supplies for our spiritual lives. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22-23). We can feast on this **spiritual fruit** to our hearts desire because it is all good for our souls. So, we have healthy fruit for our physical bodies and our spiritual lives. Enjoy!

*Gordon Jantz*

### New Address

Jared and Christine Skipper arrived safely at their new home in NJ. With Christmas coming up, it would be great to send them several cards to their new home. Also, Erik performed their legal ceremony while they were here in Enid, but they are having their wedding celebration on December 18th with Stephen Lincoln presiding.

Jared and Christine Skipper  
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### NOC Women's Basketball Schedule

If you would like to encourage and support the young women from NOC who have been attending worship with us, here is their basketball schedule. These home games are played at the NOC Maybee Center Fieldhouse on Main St.

Monday, Jan. 8 @ 5:30 pm  
Monday, Jan. 15 @ 5:30 pm  
Thursday, Jan. 18 @ 5:30 pm  
Thursday, Jan. 25 @ 5:30 pm  
Monday, Jan. 29 @ 5:30 pm  
Monday, Feb. 5 @ 5:30 pm  
Monday, Feb. 12 @ 5:30 pm  
Thursday, Feb. 22 @ 5:30 pm  
Thursday, Feb. 29 @ 5:30 pm