



North Garland CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 11, 2026

**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/Minister Meeting

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 14 – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Green Salad, Brownies

Oct. 15 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.

Oct. 20 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.

Oct. 20 – Serve lunch at the Alva Bible Chair

Oct. 21 – Meal: Lasagna, Green Beans, Salad, French Bread, Dessert

Oct. 25 – H.O.P.E. Group: Pumpkin Carving

Oct. 28 – Meal: Meatballs, Mac & Cheese, Potatoes, Dessert

Nov. 3 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.

Nov. 4 – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Green Salad, Brownies

Nov. 8 – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting

Nov. 11 – Meal: Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

Nov. 12 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.

Nov. 17 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.

Nov. 19 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- If you would like individual communion cups, they are located on the small table at the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies who would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers' room accessible by walking through the nursery.

Order of Worship

Welcome/Song Leader/Call to Worship **Robb Mills**

Guests are invited to register their attendance using the cards located in the chair backs.

Guests and members may also use the cards to share a prayer request or an encouraging word. Please place completed cards in the offering plate or in the black collection boxes on the poles at the back of the auditorium. Thank you!.....

Opening Prayer **TBD**

Communion Talk..... **Justin Snider**

Servers **Shannon Elledge, Brett Thornton, David Burford**

..... **Gordon Jantz, Carl Dowell, Cole Roberts**

Sermon: Worship **Erik Granberg**

Shepherd's Prayer **Terry Sherrill**

Door Attendants..... **Johna Wright, Dan Kent**

Nursery **Jeanita Meek**

Sound Booth/Slides..... **Dudley Darrow**

Children's Church Teacher/Helper..... **Mandy Coker, Meredith Plummer**

Sermon Scripture:

John 4:23-24

Sermon Thought:

Jesus emphasizes in this scripture that worship is not determined by the place of worship, but by the characteristics of "in spirit" and "in truth." This lets us know that there are different kinds of worship, that is, some that is pleasing and some that is not. In Matthew 15:9 Jesus talks about vain worship. Paul writes in Romans 12 that our entire lives ought to be lived as worship to God. All these verses and teachings show us that our worship (which isn't just singing) ought to be considered carefully as we draw near to the Father.

Sermon Questions:

1. When you hear the word "worship" what typically comes to mind?
2. There are lots of different scriptures that talk about worship, which can you think of?
3. What are the benefits to the church body of a cappella worship?

This Week's Birthdays:

11th Christy Cochran
12th Libby Owen
14th Robert Browning
15th Kaiser Webb

Next Week's (10/18/26) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Bruce Swart

Communion

Talk: Derek Tinius

Servers:

Wayne Williams
Kaiser Webb
Bryce Thornton
Terry Sherrill
Robb Mills
Michael Armour

Shepherd's

Prayer: Dan Kent

Sound Booth/

Slides: Aaron LeCrone

Nursery:

Reeta Williams

Children's

Church: Mandy Coker
Audrey Darrow

Door Attendants:

Brian Wright
Roger Unruh

Greeters:

Joy Williams
Jamie Gaither

Welcome Center: Carol Baxter

Wash Baptismal

Garments: Linda Swart

Bake Bread

for Visitors: Reeta Williams

Fill Communion

Trays: Jamie Barr

Malachi 1

God's Warning in Malachi 1

God once called something His own people were doing "evil"—and we may be guilty of the same thing without realizing it.

In Malachi 1, God confronts the priests bluntly: "When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not evil? When you offer lame or sick animals, is that not evil?"

What the Priests Were Doing

At that time, people brought animals to sacrifice to God. The offering was supposed to be their best—unblemished and without defect. Instead, the priests kept the healthy, valuable animals and offered God the sick, lame leftovers: the animals they did not want anyway.

God did not call this merely less than ideal. He called it evil. They gave God their scraps while keeping the best for themselves.

Consider Your Own Priorities

Now turn the lesson inward. We often pour our best energy, focus, and time into everything else:

- work,
- friends,
- our phones, and
- exercise and other activities.

Then, at the end of the day, half asleep, we give God a rushed five-minute prayer and try to read the Bible while barely able to keep our eyes open. That is the blemished animal. Those are the leftovers. When we give God the scraps of our day and reserve the best for everything else, we should not be surprised when He feels distant. He is not distant; He is receiving our leftovers—and leftovers have never built closeness in any relationship.

The Better Way

The answer is not guilt; it is reordering our priorities. Give God the first fruits of your attention, not the crumbs:

- Offer Him the first minutes of your morning instead of only the last minutes of your night.
- Give Him your focused attention before the demands of the day take over.
- Make time with Him a priority rather than an afterthought.

Then watch what begins to change.

A Thought to Remember

"When we understand that each day isn't one more day, but one less, we start giving more value to what truly matters."

—Roger Owen