NorthGarland CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 22, 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:

Pantry Patron Thanksgiving Dinner
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 25 – No Class or Dinner
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
Nov. 28 – Office Closed
Dec. 10 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.
Dec. 12 – Ladies Christmas Party
Dec. 13 – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting
Dec. 17 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas (Office Closed)
Dec. 26 – Office Closed
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve (Office Closed)
Jan. 1 – New Year's Day (Office Closed)

Additional Info:

There are **no** meals provided before class on Wednesday nights in December.

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

I Love You Lord
Welcome/Song Leader/Call to Worship ..... **Bruce Swart**
Restore My Soul
Light the Fire
Opening Prayer ..... **TBD**
How Deep the Father's Love
Lamb of God
Communion Talk ..... **Terry Sherrill**
Servers ..... **Todd Anderson, Michael Granberg, Roger Unruh**
Dylan Anderson, John Granberg, Michael Armour
Here We are but Straying Pilgrims
My Hope is Built
Higher Ground
Sermon: Things Jesus Did Not Say ..... **Erik Granberg**
Wat a Day That Will Be
Shepherd's Prayer ..... **Pat Meek**

Door Attendants ..... **Butch McComas, Julie McComas**
Nursery ..... **Susan Oldham, Eleanor Taylor**
Sound Booth/Slides ..... **Jim Coker**
Children's Church Teacher/Helper ..... **Lisa Granberg, Peyton Wright**

Sermon Scripture: John 6:63

Sermon Thought:

Jesus says that his words bring life. We need to live our lives by those words that bring life. However, the world is full of competing "wisdom" that draws our attention away. As followers of God, it is imperative that we discern which words we are living by, the world's or the Lord's.

Sermon Questions:

1. Take a few minutes and think of several words of wisdom the world offers. Which ones contain godly truth and with ones contain worldly deception?

2. Why is it so easy to follow the wisdom of the world?

3. Which worldly wisdom do you need to give up?

This Week's Birthdays:

22nd ..... Caryolin Day
..... Kira Granberg
23rd ..... Ramona Buxton
24th ..... Faye Garrison
..... Brian Wright
..... Keri Ratliff
..... Kolter Schleisman
26th ..... Bruce Swart
28th ..... Krystal Wright
30th ..... Alyssa Plummer

Next Week's (11/29/26) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome:	Dee Plummer
Communion Talk:	Roger Unruh
Servers:	Butch McComas Chris Taylor Carl Dowell Isaac Taylor David Burford
Shepherd's Prayer:	Roger Unruh
Sound Booth/ Slides:	Terry Sherrill
Nursery:	Kim Tinius Dylan Anderson
Children's Church:	Lisa Granberg Eleanor Taylor
Door Attendants:	Wendy Taylor Derek Tinius
Greeters:	Susan Oldham Jovita Lang
Welcome Center:	Linda Swart
Wash Baptismal Garments:	Joy Williams
Bake Bread for Visitors:	Luann Burford
Fill Communion Trays:	Mandy Coker

The Essence of Life – *Talents and Abilities*

Learning Who We Are

As we grow in our childhood years, we are given chores to do that are part of God's molding process. During our school years, we learn new things and expand our knowledge to help frame our talents and abilities. Then comes our first jobs to establish our work ethic and give us insight into what we like to do. As God's molding process matures, we take our place in the world using the talents and abilities he has placed in each one of us. It is during these years that **learning who we are** becomes a fascinating reality. Throughout our life's journey, God uses family, friends, and bosses to help us discover our personal identity.

This process of **learning who we are** is carried over into our spiritual lives. God again uses our parents, Bible class teachers, ministers, and his spiritual leaders to mold us into who we are (Rom. 9:19-24). Then as we mature in our Christian faith, we are able to take our place in doing the Lord's work. Paul tells us, "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them*" (Eph. 2:10). It is our task to recognize our talents and abilities so we can use them to carry out the Lord's will for mankind. Again, it sometimes takes others to help us see who we are, and step up the responsibilities God has given us. The apostle Paul provides insight into **learning who we are**. "*Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: If prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness*" (Rom. 12:6-8). **Learning who we are** is important for our physical and spiritual lives. May God be glorified in all we do!

Gordon Jantz

Study Stash Boxes

Finals are approaching for our college students! We will soon send them Study Stash Boxes filled with goodies and encouragement to help them through this demanding time.

We are currently accepting monetary donations. You may give in any of these ways:

- Give cash or a check to **Carrie Mills, Reeta Williams, or Cory Moore**.
- Place your donation in one of the **black donation boxes**.
- Text **"NGCCGIVE"** to **833-703-3754**, then select the **"Study Stash Box"** fund.
- Visit the **Give** tab on our website and select the **"Study Stash Box"** fund.

Thank you for encouraging our college students during finals!

