NorthGarland CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 8, 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

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
H.O.P.E. Group at the Tinius House
(323 University Blvd.)

Upcoming Events:

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. 18 – Meal: Sliders, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert
Nov. 19 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.
Nov. 22 – Pantry Patron Dinner
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
Dec. 1 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
Dec. 10 – Pantry: 9-11 a.m.
Dec. 12 – Ladies Christmas Party
Dec. 13 – Elders/Deacons/Minister Meeting
Dec. 15 – Ladies' Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
Dec. 17 – 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

I Am Crucified with Christ
Welcome/Song Leader/Call to Worship ..... **Jim Coker**
That's Why We Praise Him
Taste And See
Opening Prayer ..... **TBD**
Jesus, Hold My Hand
Jesus at the Center
Communion Talk ..... **Cole Roberts**
Servers ..... **Shannon Elledge, Brett Thornton, David Burford**
Robb Mills, Carl Dowell, Roger Owen
O To Be Like Thee
Create In Me A Clean Heart
Sermon: Elijah Makes Me Feel Normal ..... **Erik Granberg**
Take My Life, and Let It Be
Shepherd's Prayer ..... **Terry Sherrill**

Door Attendants ..... **Bruce Swart, Brian Wright**
Nursery ..... **Carrie Mills, Jasmine Granberg**
Sound Booth/Slides ..... **Aaron LeCrone**
Children's Church Teacher/Helper ..... **Lisa Granberg, Meredith Plummer**

Sermon Scripture:1 Kings 19:3-5

Sermon Thought: "Elijah was afraid. He lay down under a bush and fell asleep." That is what Elijah felt and did just after one of the most shocking triumphs in the Bible. Eliah had just witnessed God send fire down from heaven, but now Elijah is in hiding. When I read those words, it makes me feel a little more normal. We don't always have the confidence in God that we should. That is part of our struggle as humans. Remember though, our doubt, doesn't mean God is any less.

Sermon Questions:
1. When have you felt or seen God's power?
2. When have you felt doubt or fear in life?
3. How can we work on maintaining strong faith, dependance, and trust in God?

Wednesday Meal Ministry

We want to remind everyone that our Wednesday Meal Ministry will be suspended for the holidays, beginning the Wednesday before Thanksgiving through December. As we look forward to 2027, we will possibly need a couple of new cooking teams (for the third and fourth Wednesdays) so this meaningful ministry can continue blessing those who gather. Our cooking teams prepare one meal a month. We ask that you be praying about this ministry and let Gordon or Mandy know if you would be willing to be part of our cooking teams.

Next Week's (11/15/26) Servants:

Song Leader /Welcome:	Robb Mills
Communion Talk:	Todd Anderson
Servers:	Wayne Williams Kaiser Webb Bryce Thornton Justin Snider Gordon Jantz Aaron LeCrone
Shepherd's Prayer:	Dan Kent
Sound Booth/ Slides:	Dudley Darrow
Nursery:	Kelli Moore Macy Mills
Children's Church:	Lisa Granberg Audrey Darrow
Door Attendants:	Johna Wright 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 Hardest Struggles Build the Strongest People

A farmer accidentally dropped two seeds on to the ground. The first seed landed in fertile soil surrounded by plenty of sun light; the second seed fell into a narrow crack between hard rocks. There was barely any soil, almost no space, and very little access to water. Days turned into weeks, yet nothing appeared above the surface. Anyone looking at that spot would have assumed the seed had died, but beneath the rocks, something incredible was happening. In the darkness the tiny seed was fighting to survive. It slowly pushed its roots through the hard ground, searching for water. Every inch was a struggle, but it refused to stop. Whenever it found even the smallest opening it pushed forward. Eventually, its roots were strong enough to crack the rock, and a tiny tree finally emerged. Years passed, and both trees continued to grow. Then one day, a powerful storm swept through the area. The tree that had grown comfortably in the fertile soil was ripped from the ground, but the tree that had struggled between the rocks remained standing. Why? Because the struggle that once threatened its survival had forced its roots to grow deeper and stronger. And life works the same way. Sometimes you look around and feel like everyone else is growing faster than you. Others seem to have better opportunities, fewer problems, and an easier path. Meanwhile you're struggling in silence, wondering why your journey is so difficult. But remember, just because nothing is visible on the surface doesn't mean nothing is happening beneath it. Your struggles may be building the strength, patience, and resilience you'll need for the storms that lie ahead. So, don't compare your journey to someone else's. Some people grow faster because life gives them everything they need. Others grow stronger because life forces them to fight for everything. And sometimes the hardest path is the one that prepares you to stand when everything else falls.

Ephesians 6: 10-11 Finally, be strong IN the LORD and IN MIGHTY POWER. Put ON the FULL ARMOR of GOD, that YOU can take YOUR stand against the Devil's schemes.

Roger Owen

Pantry Patron Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Patron Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 22 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This special evening is something our pantry patrons look forward to all year, and your help can make it memorable!

Please consider how you can serve. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available on the tables in front of the Welcome Center. Donations are also appreciated. Checks or cash may be given to Cory Moore or Roger Owen or placed in the black contribution boxes.

You may also donate through the **Give** tab on our website by selecting the **"Pantry Patron Dinner"** fund. To give by text, send **"NGCCGIVE"** to **833-703-3754**, then select the same fund.

Thank you for helping us share a warm Thanksgiving meal and Christ's love with our pantry patrons!

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!