

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Team ~ Elder: Sandra Loving **Worship Leader:** Jessica Colbert **Diaconate:** Laryssa Smith, Asher Chouinard, Melissa Chouinard, Corinne Colbert
The **Elder on Call for December** is Leslie West (804-307-3282).
Outreach Communion is available upon request. Please contact the Elder of the Month or the church office. Elders are available for individual prayer time after the service.

Children Worship & Wonder: “Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem” Isaiah 9:2 & John 15

Let’s bless a family for Christmas. The sign-up sheet is in the back. Please return wrapped and labeled items by Sunday, December 14.

Thank you for your gifts to The Thanksgiving Offering totaling \$594.00. Your generosity is appreciated.

The **Fumbly Bumbly Angels** will practice today after worship. Dress rehearsal will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 13th The Fumbly Bumbly Angels will lead worship on December 14th.

Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, December 7^h for a Congregational Meeting. The 2026 Ministry Plan and the 2026 Slate of Officers will be presented to the congregation for a vote to approve or not. Copies are available on the back table in the sanctuary. Afterwards, join us for **the Holiday Lunch**. Meat, bread and drinks will be provided. We ask you to bring two side dishes to share.

The **Slash Post Office** will be open to receive Christmas cards for the congregation on December 7th and 14th. Cards will be sorted and distributed through December 21st. Please consider making a gift to the Christmas Offering with the money you save on postage. The offering will be received on December 14th and 21st.

Come **Christmas Caroling with the Youth Group at the RVA Hope Center on** Saturday, December 13th from 9-12 in Creighton Court. We will carol around the neighborhood with hot chocolate bringing light and joy to a community that so desperately needs it. Meet here at 8:30 a.m.

The Disciple Women will have a **Baby Shower for Olivia Nickols**, Norma Miller’s daughter, on December 13th at 2:00 p.m. here at Slash. A link to the baby registry is in the Monday newsletter.

The 2026 flower chart is posted by the office door. Please fill out an order form and submit it to the office. Flowers are \$27.00 with checks made payable to Slash.

ACES (Ashland Christian Emergency Services) The list of needed items is in the Monday newsletter. You may drop off items at ACES on Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or place them in the blue bin here in the hall by the kitchen.

You may use Engage online giving by scanning this QR code. Thank you for your generosity.



Opportunities for Service and Fellowship:

*Today: Fellowship Café - 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Fumbly Bumbly practice - 9:00 a.m.
One Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Elders Meeting - 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Bell Choir practice - 11:00 a.m.
2nd Fumbly Bumbly practice - 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group - 5:00 p.m.
Youth Group Parent Meeting - 6:30 p.m.*
*Monday: Fellowship & Prayer - 10:00 a.m.
Ruritan Partners Dinner - 7:00 p.m.*
Wednesday Choir - 7:00 p.m.
*Sunday: Fellowship Café - 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Fumbly Bumbly practice - 9:00 a.m.
One Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Congregational Meeting after worship
Holiday Lunch - 11:00 a.m.*

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Julie Matthews, Nursery Attendant
Rev. Frances Stanley, Associate Minister
Rev. Don Richardson, Minister Emeritus

~ Short History of Slash ~

In 1729 the vestry of St. Paul’s Parish of Hanover County authorized the construction of the Slash Church building. A site of three acres, located on a nice hill with a number of trees and a supply of spring water, was selected and construction started. The plans called for a building 60 feet in length, 26 feet in breadth and 16 feet in height, in the body from the floor of the ally to the ceiling.” The Rev. Patrick Henry, uncle of the famous patriot, served as rector from 1737 until 1777. After the Revolutionary War and the break with the Church of England, it became the Protestant Episcopal Church. Among the historical worshippers at Slash were Dolley Madison, Patrick Henry and Henry Clay. In 1842 the Disciples of Christ became the owner of the Slash Church building. In May 1862, the sanctuary and grounds became headquarters and hospital for the Battle of Slash Church also known as the Battle of Hanover Courthouse. Built three years before the birth of George Washington, Slash is the oldest church building in Hanover County and the oldest wooden church building in Virginia.



Sunday Schedule
8:45 a.m. Fellowship Café
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. ONE Worship

Slash Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Worship ~ 10:00 a.m.
November 30, 2025

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* Please stand as you are able.
Bold type indicates congregational response.

Prelude “Greensleeves” Blake Matassa

Welcome and Announcements Jessica Colbert

*Call to Worship
Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ Amanda and Blake Matassa,
Melissa and Luke LaRocca and Cynthia Bremner

Reader 1: Jesus called himself the Light of the World, and during
Advent we light candles to remind ourselves of the light
of hope he brought into a world filled with the darkness
of sin.

Reader 2: What is hope?
All: Hope is looking forward to something wonderful.
It’s expecting something good to happen. It is light
in the darkness.

Please light the first candle

Reader 1: Today we light the first candle which reminds us of the
ultimate hope that comes through our Savior’s birth. In
a world where we often get overwhelmed, Advent
comes as a gentle whisper offering us hope to heal the
broken, befriend the lonely, and share the good news of
the Gospel.

*Hymn “Christians All, Your Lord is Coming” v. 1, 2, 4” CH #136

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

*Prayer Response “Glory Be to the Father” CH # 36

Children’s Sermon Rev. Weeks
Children Depart for Worship & Wonder

Joys and Concerns Rev. Weeks
Prayer

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Isaiah 9 :2-7 Pew Bible pg. 593

Leader: The word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon “Hope Is at the Heart of Christmas” Rev. Weeks

*Invitation Hymn “Offering”

(If you wish to make Jesus your Savior or transfer your
membership, come forward at this time.)

Offering Invitation Rev. Weeks
*Presenting Our Gifts
*Offertory Prayer

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation Rev. Weeks
Communion Hymn “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” CH # 134
Prayers for the Bread and Cup
(All are welcome. Please take the bread and cup in unison.)

TAKING GOD’S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*Closing “Blessed Be the God of Israel” CH # 135

*Benediction Rev. Weeks

Choral Benediction “One Candle Is Lit” v. 1 CH # 128

*Postlude

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LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

Concerns
~Victims of gun violence
~All those in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel
~Prayers for those who suffered a loss
~Prayers for those dealing with depression
~Prayers for kids in unstable homes
~Prayers for those affected by substance abuse
~All military personnel, first responders, medical personnel, and their
families

The People
~Homebound: Don & Helen Kersey, Frank Burkett, Teresa Manahan

~Julia Finkbeiner (friend of Brenna Peterman)
~Joey Menditto (neighbor of Ed and Becky Baugher)
~Jim Slater (brother-in-law of Ed Baugher)
~Shirley Hodges (friend of the Weeks)
~Sherry (mother of a friend of Avery Pierce)
~Ralph (friend of Claudia Wells)
~Steve Reynolds (father of Paula Pierce)
~Tinsley Anderson (friend of Ella Baugher)
~Emily (friend of Claudia Wells)
~Gail Hellermann
~Reid Bare (friend of Amanda Matassa)
~Ted Jones
~Carolee Duncan (friend of Lois Haines)
~Greg Nass (father of Kai Verrier-Nass)
~Terri Ellis (co-worker of Lois Haines)
~Tony Anthony (friend of Michelle Weeks’ father)
~Jeannette Williams
~Dawson Lewis (friend of Chloe Baugher)
~Bob Raiford (father of Michelle Weeks)
~Mark Murtaugh (mentor of Don Moore)
~Dorothy Neill (friend of Alan Goodman)
~Betsy Murdock (sister of Nancy Murdock)
~Andy Anderson (friends of the Baughers)
~Eunice Tatman (friend of Jessica Colbert)
~Clint Penley (son of Pat Penley)
~Gary Davis (relative of Claudia Wells and Julie Matthews)
~Rosemarie Soehngen (grandmother of Kristijan Soehngen)
~Linda Adkins
~Linda Locatelli (family member of Judy Pierce)
~Max and Tootie Blake (friends of Lois Haines)

Love and sympathy are extended to Debbie and Ron Sadler upon the
death of their aunt, Margaret Gentry. Visitation will be Tuesday,
December 2nd from 9-10 a.m. with The Celebration of Life at 10 a.m. A
reception will follow the service. The Graveside Service will be held at
Forest Lawn Cemetery, 4000 Pilots Lane, in Richmond at 1:00 p.m.

The Elders respectfully request that prayer concerns be updated every
two weeks by calling the office, 798-4520, or emailing admin@slashcc.org