

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Team ~ Elder: Joey Oliva **Worship Leader:** Meredith Baugher **Diaconate:** Noah Manahan, Tristan Goodman, Taylor Neiter, Christie Saunders
The **Elder on Call for December** is Leslie West (804-307-3282).
The **Elder on Call for January** is Sandra Loving (804-307-6864).
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.

If you need immediate pastoral care from December 26th through January 1st, please contact the Elder on Call listed above.

Children Worship & Wonder: “Christmas - Meeting the Christ Child”
Luke 2:1-7

This week, the office will only **be open on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Christmas decoration takedown party: If you can, stay and help put away Christmas after worship next Sunday!

According to IRS regulations, any monetary gifts or donations given to the church for credit in the 2025 tax year must be given in church or postmarked by 12/31/25. If you use your bank’s Bill Pay, checks mailed by the bank that are not postmarked by 12/31/25 will be posted to your 2026 offering. Thank you for your generous support of Slash!

Installation of Officers and Elders will be held during worship on Sunday, January 11th. The Elder/Diaconate training will follow worship.

Youth Group will meet on Sunday, January 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the **Christmas Offering** totaling \$675.00.

Meals on Wheels: sign-up to deliver meals in **2026** on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The sheet is on the Disciples Women bulletin board.

Boxed sets of offering envelopes for those of you that use them are on the back pew. If you pick up a box, please print your name on the list so that the office can give you credit for your giving.

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. If you sign up in 2025, please remit payment for the flowers in 2026!

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.

If you changed your offering amount for 2026, please be sure to update it on Engage.



Opportunities for Service and Fellowship:

*Today: Fellowship Café - 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
One Worship - 10:00 a.m.*
*Monday: No Fellowship & Prayer –
Office Closed Monday through Thursday*
Thursday: Happy New Year!
Friday: Office hours - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
*Sunday: Fellowship Café - 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
One Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Elders Meeting - 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Decoration Takedown - 11:00 a.m.*

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Kathleen Prettyman, Office Administrator
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.
December 28, 2025

PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Prelude *“The First Noel”*

Welcome and Announcements Meredith Baugher

*Hymn *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* CH # 149

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 98)
One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Many: **We’re ready to break into joyous song and sing praises.**
One: Not only people, but the sea, and all that fills it; let the floods clap their hands and the hills sing together.
Many: **We sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things!**
One: God’s love made visible!

*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. Stanley
Children Depart for Worship & Wonder

Joys and Concerns Rev. Stanley
Prayer

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible pg. 835
 John 3:16 Pew Bible pg. 924

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

Sermon “The Heart of Christmas Is Jesus” Rev. Stanley

*Invitation Hymn CH # 154
 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” v. 1-4, 6
 (If you wish to make Jesus your Savior or transfer your membership, come forward at this time.)

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

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation Rev. Stanley
Communion Hymn *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”* CH # 163
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 *“How Great Our Joy”* CH # 170

*Benediction Rev. Stanley

Choral Benediction *“One Candle Is Lit”* v. 5 CH # 128

*Postlude

LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

The flowers today are given in memory of Joyce and H.T. Loving by Diana and Reid Harrison

Concerns
~All those in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel
~All military personnel

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

~Rod Nash (father of Leslie West and Carol Payne)
~Jonathan and William Davis (requested by Julie Matthews)
~Gail Hellermann
~William Guyton (cousin of Claudia Wells and Julie Matthews)
~Keri Anne West (friend of the Matassas)
~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)
~Reid Bare (friend of Amanda Matassa)
~Ted Jones
~Carolee Duncan (friend of Lois Haines)
~Terri Ellis (co-worker of Lois Haines)
~Tony Anthony (friend of Michelle Weeks’ father)
~Jeannette Williams
~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)
~Rosemarie Soehngen (grandmother of Kristijan Soehngen)
~Linda Adkins
~Linda Locatelli (family member of Judy Pierce)
~Max and Tootie Blake (friends of Lois Haines)

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