ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Team ~ Elder: Amanda Matassa Worship Leader: John Sturgeon Diaconate: Kedric Griffin, Laryssa Smith, Austyn Wilton, Lloyd West

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: "Mary and Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem" Luke 1:26-33, 46-47

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.

Mission Trip Fundraiser: Gelati Celesti Night at Rutland Commons on Thursday, December 18th. Mention Slash Youth at time of purchase.

Thank you for the gifts for our Christmas family. Wrapped and labeled items are due December 14th!

Fumbly Bumbly Angels: practice today after worship, dress rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. on December 13th and lead worship on December 14th.

A Congregational Meeting is today after worship. The 2026 Ministry Plan and Slate of Officers will be presented for a vote. Copies are available on the back table in the sanctuary. Afterwards, join us for the **Holiday Lunch**.

The **Slash Post Office** is open to receive Christmas cards through the 14th. Cards will be distributed through December 21st. Please consider making a gift to the Christmas Offering with the money saved on postage. The **Christmas 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. 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.

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.

Congregational Meeting after worship

Holiday Lunch - 11:00 a.m.

Monday: Fellowship & Prayer - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Men's breakfast at McDonald's - 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Choir - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Christmas Caroling RVA Hope Center - 9:00 a.m.

Guests in Fellowship Hall - 2:00 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.

Guests in Fellowship Hall - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.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 7, 2025

PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Prelude "Mary, Did You Know?"

Special Music "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Children's Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements John Sturgeon

*Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ Reggie Martin and Roger Martin

Reader 1: Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and at Advent, we light candles to remind ourselves of the light of hope and promise of peace he brought to a broken world.

Reader 2: What is peace?

All: Peace is the end of hostility and fighting. It's when all is as it should be. It's harmony. It's rightness and wholeness.

Please light the first candle

Reader 1: This morning, we lit two candles. The first candle reminds us of a starry night in a quiet stable when God changed the course of human history. Our hope is strong, for in our Savior's birth, the Word became flesh and came to live with us. The second candle symbolizes God's perfect peace in an imperfect world. The season of Advent calls us to turn our eyes to the Prince of Peace.

*Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" CH # 119

*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.

Anthem "Calypso Lullaby" Choir

*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 Luke 2:8-14 Pew Bible pg. 889

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Peace in the Heart of Christmas" Rev. Weeks

*Invitation Hymn "His Name Shall Be"

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

Offering Invitation

*Presenting Our Gifts *Offertory Prayer

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation Rev. Weeks
Communion Hymn *"When God Is a Child"* CH # 132
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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" CH # 140

*Benediction Rev. Weeks

Choral Benediction "One Candle Is Lit" v. 2 CH # 128

*Postlude

~Please remain in the sanctuary for the Congregational Meeting~

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LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

The flowers today are given in memory of Ernest Goodman at his birthday by Barbara Jean Goodman and family

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
- ~Keri Anne West (friend of the Matassa's)
- ~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)
- ~Steve Reynolds (father of Paula Pierce)
- ~Gail Hellermann
- ~Reid Bare (friend of Amanda Matassa)
- ~Ted Jones

Rev. Weeks

- ~Carolee Duncan (friend of Lois Haines)
- ~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)
- ~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