

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship Team ~ Elder:** Amanda Matassa **Worship Leader:** Carrie Peterman **Diaconate:** Mary Haislip, Brenna Peterman, Laryssa Smith, Tristan Goodman  
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.

**Children Worship & Wonder:** “Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People”; Mark 6:30-31

**Text the word ALERT to the number 22300** to begin receiving texts from Slash.

**Monday Lenten Bible Study – *In the Footsteps of the Savior*;** 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Leslie West, led by Judy Pierce; February 16 to March 30. **Tuesday Lenten Disciple Bible Study – *The Call*;** 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room; February 10 - March 17. See Monday’s newsletter for information and the links to order a book.

**The Christian Church in Virginia Intergenerational Mission Trip** to North Carolina will continue the recovery efforts after Hurricane Helene. Everyone 11 years old to 111 is welcome to attend June 14-19, 2026. Sign up through the link in the Slash newsletter tomorrow.

We are looking forward to kicking off the season of Lent here at Slash on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> with a **Pancake Palooza**. This will be a Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser, and your donations will help with Mission Trip expenses. The Youth will offer a meal of pancakes, bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, juice and coffee immediately following worship.

**Meals on Wheels:** sign-up to deliver meals in **2026** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 table. 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. If you would like to put flowers in church in memory or in honor of a loved one, 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.



**Please update your Covenant giving on Engage to the 2026 Covenant Giving button. If you changed your offering amount for 2026, please be sure to update it on Engage and with Bill Pay at your bank.**

**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:* Fellowship & Prayer - 10:00 a.m.  
*Wednesday:* Choir - 7:00 p.m.  
*Friday:* Guests decorating in Fellowship Hall - 2:00 p.m.  
*Saturday:* Guests in Fellowship Hall - 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
*Sunday:* Fellowship Café - 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
One Worship - 10:00 a.m.

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Michael Peterman, Choir Director: music@slashcc.org  
Ann Bremner, Organist  
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.  
January 25, 2026

PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Carrie Peterman

\*Hymns “*They That Wait*”  
“*Abide*”

\*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 27)  
One: **Come! Let’s praise the Lord, who is our light and our salvation!**  
Many: **We know the Lord is “the stronghold of our lives”?**  
One: **We’re gathered to sing and make melody to the Lord.**  
Many: **We lift up our heads and offer our gifts with shouts of joy!**  
One: **We know our best hope is to seek God all the days of our lives.**  
Many: **So we come together to praise the One who is gracious to us all.**

\*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 Proverbs 1:7 Pew Bible pg. 555  
Leader: The word of God for the people of God  
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon “Better Choices” Rev. Weeks

\*Invitation Hymn “*As the Deer*” CH # 108  
(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 “*Come, Share the Lord*” CH # 408  
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 “*For the Healing of the Nations*” v. 1, 2, 3 CH # 668

\*Benediction Rev. Weeks

Choral Benediction  
“*May the Lord Bless You and Keep You*”

\*Postlude

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LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Craig on his birthday by Jean Smith*

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

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

~John Kersey (nephew of Don and Helen Kersey)  
~Cathy Dorsey (cousin of Julie Matthews)  
~Bobby Monk (friend of Julie Matthews)  
~Gail Hellermann  
~William Guyton (cousin of Claudia Wells and Julie Matthews)  
~Keri Anne West (friend of the Matassas)  
~Joey Menditto (neighbor of Ed and Becky Baugher)  
~Jim Slater (brother-in-law of Ed Baugher)  
~Shirley Hodges (friend of the Weeks)  
~Reid Bare (friend of Amanda Matassa)  
~Carolee Duncan (friend of Lois Haines)  
~Terri Ellis (co-worker of Lois Haines)  
~Jeannette Williams  
~Bob Raiford (father of Michelle Weeks)  
~Dorothy Neill (friend of Alan Goodman)  
~Betsy Murdock (sister of Nancy Murdock)  
~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)

*Love and sympathy are extended to the Baughers on the death of their friend, Andy Anderson.*

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