

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Worship Team ~ Elder:** Nancy Farrell **Worship Leader:** Claudia Wells  
**Diaconate:** John Sturgeon, Asher Chouinard, Brenna Peterman, Sue Sturgeon  
The **Elder on Call for February** is Reggie Martin (804-746-2446).  
**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 and the Tax Collectors"; Mark 2:13-17

**Week of Compassion Special Offering** will be received again today. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

**Sign-up in the back of church to host or attend Dinners for 8!** We follow the example of the early New Testament church and gather for fellowship around the table on the weekend of March 20th.

**Scholarship news:** Application links for college scholarships will be available in the Slash newsletter on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and on our website. The deadline to submit applications will be noon on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Kristen Wilton is the chairperson serving with David Bremner, Mary Haislip, Amanda Matassa and Judy Pierce.

**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 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. The next available dates are March 15, April 19 and 26.

**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.  
Youth Group - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Monday:** Fellowship & Prayer - 10:00 a.m.  
No Bible Study at West's home this week  
Ruritan Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Bible Study in Conference Room - 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Choir - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday:** Regional Youth Lock-In in Lynchburg

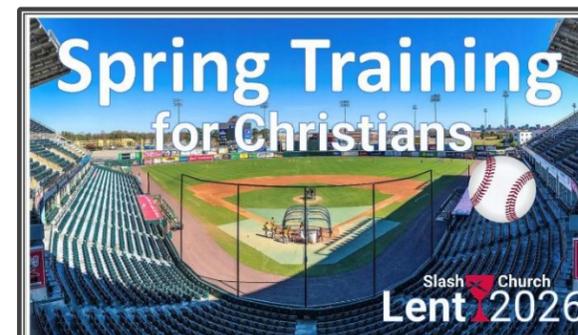
**Sunday:** Fellowship Café - 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
One Worship - 10:00 a.m.

**Slash Christian Church**  
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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.  
February 22, 2026

### PRAISE AND PRAYER

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Bold** type indicates congregational response.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Claudia Wells

\*Hymns *“Nothing Ever Could Separate Us”*  
*“Be Lifted Up”*

\*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 32)

Leader: As Lent begins, we keep silent before God, afraid to confront our transgressions; terrified to face the reality of our brokenness;

**People: we feel the weight of the world upon our shoulders.**

Leader: In this hour, we find help to admit our brokenness and accept our imperfections.

**People: Gratefully, we know God is here among us.**

Leader: And we believe in God’s steadfast love, we are forgiven.

**People: By God’s Holy Spirit, we are being restored.**

**All: So we come to worship the God who can make all things new.**

\*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 Luke 13:1-9 Pew Bible pg. 906

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

Sermon *“Hope Springs Eternal”* Rev. Weeks

\*Invitation Hymn *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* CH # 86

(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 *“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”* CH # 339

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 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” v. 1, 3, 4, 5* CH # 25

\*Benediction Rev. Weeks

Choral Benediction *“Go in Peace”* CH # 445

\*Postlude

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### LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Carolyn Nash’s heavenly birthday today by Anna, Joey, Eli and Marshall Oliva*

Concerns

~All those in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel

~All military personnel

The People

~Homebound: Don & Helen Kersey, Frank Burkett, Teresa Manahan, Jeannette Williams

~Alan Goodman

~Kristy Weber and parents (niece of Julie and Michael Peterman)

~Johnnie Cunningham (friend of Torrie Goodman)

~Barbara Denton (friend of Lois Haines)

~Brittany Armentrout (friend of Laryssa Smith)

~Tommy Wright (friend of Jared Pierce)

~Dale Redmon (cousin of Julie Matthews and Claudia Wells)

~Phyllis Dunn (mother of best friend of Torrie Goodman)

~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)

~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)

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