

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Team ~ Elder: Judy Pierce **Worship Leader:** Angie Dalton
Diaconate: Luke Manahan, Mark Highfield, Mary Haislip, Morgan Abbate
The Elder on Call for August 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 Heals a Boy”; Mark 9:13:14-29

Regular Sunday schedule! Fellowship Café at 8:45 a.m., Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., and Worship at 10:00 a.m. Nursery and Children Worship & Wonder will be available.

Tuesday Bible Study! September 15 - November 3; 10-11:30 a.m. in the Education Building. See Monday’s newsletter for more information.

Elders and Diaconate Meetings: A brief meeting will be held after worship today and again on August 30. Please plan to stay for about 15 minutes after worship on one of these Sundays to learn about changes to Sunday worship which will begin on September 6.

Project updates: The work on the crawl space will begin on Tuesday, August 25th. For safety reasons, please do not enter the Loving Building or the Sanctuary on the 25th and 26th.

Sanctuary Flowers: The next available dates are September 13, 20, and 27. Please sign-up on the flower chart by the office or call the office to have flowers in church in honor or in memory of a loved one.

As we approach the fall and winter months, **Why the Star?** is quickly approaching! Cast sign-ups will begin in mid-September, but if you are interested in a specific role or have casting questions, please reach out to Anna Oliva (804-882-0574) to express your interest. We can’t wait to bring this special production to life!

Fall Kick-Off Youth Group Swim Party; Sunday, August 30 at the Wilton’s home, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Pizza ,Popsicles and Gatorade will be provided.

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 September 13, 20 and 27.**

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.



Opportunities for Service and Fellowship:

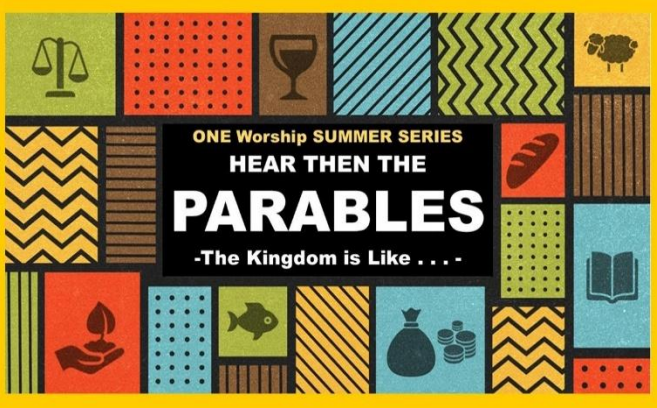
*Today: Fellowship Café 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
One Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Elder/Diaconate Meeting - 11:00 a.m.*
*Monday: Willow Grove Homeschool - 9:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship and Prayer - 10:00 a.m.*
Tuesday: Work in Sanctuary and Loving Bldg. – No entry
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Youth Group Swim Party - 4:00 to 6:00 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.
August 23, 2026

PRAISE AND PRAYER

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Angie Dalton

*Hymns “Love the Lord Your God”
“Build My Life”

*Call to Worship (inspired by the Parables of Jesus)
One: We gather to wrap up our journey through the parables, listening for the voice of Christ.
Many: Open our ears to hear the stories that disrupt and heal.
One: We have caught glimpses of a re-imagined world where the last are first.
Many: Open our eyes to see the Kingdom breaking through among us.
One: We have learned of an upside-down realm built on cooperation, mercy, and grace.
Many: Open our hearts to receive a love that refuses to keep score.
One: Let us plant the seeds of this new world in our worship and in our lives.
Many: Come, let us worship the God who welcomes all people home.

*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 Matthew 18:23-34 Pew Bible pg. 853

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

Sermon “The Parable of the Unforgiving Slave” Rev. Weeks

*Invitation Hymn “Kindness”
(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 “O Come to the Altar”
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 “Sing Wherever I Go”
*Benediction Rev. Weeks

*Postlude

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LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

The flowers today are given in honor of the August birthdays of our grandson, Cole, and daughter-in-law, Gretchen, by Diana and Reid Harrison

Concerns
~All those impacted by recent earthquakes
~All those in Middle East, Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel
~All military personnel

The People
~Homebound: Don & Helen Kersey, Frank Burkett, Jeannette Williams, Jim Slater, Barbara Stanley, Rev. Don and Carolyn Richardson

~Conner Earl (grandson of Harold and Teresa Manahan’s neighbor)
~Ernest Bremner (brother of David Bremner)
~Paul and family (friends of Callee Young)
~Tristan Goodman
~Heather Mizzell (friend of Michelle Weeks)
~Izzy Shulman (friend of the Weeks family)
~Kris Madinger (relative of Mike Colbert)
~Steve Reynolds (fathers of Paula Pierce)
~Brad Troutman (grandfather of Joey Oliva)
~Steve Harrison (relative of Sandra Loving)
~Tom Wood (brother of Mary Haislip)
~Craig (friend of Michael Peterman)
~Stephen Weber (brother of Julie Peterman)
~Teresa Manahan
~Ed Swim (father of Morgan Abbate)
~Ike and Donna Roister (friends of Lois Haines)
~Russell Stephens (brother-in-law of Torrie Goodman)
~Deepak (friend of Michael Peterman)
~Johnnie Cunningham (friend of Torrie Goodman)
~Brittany Armentrout (friend of Laryssa Smith)
~Joey Menditto (neighbor of Ed and Becky Baugher)
~Carolee Duncan (friend of Lois Haines)
~Bob Raiford (father of Michelle Weeks)
~Max and Tootie Blake (friends of Lois Haines)

Love and sympathy are extended to the family of Elizabeth Smyth, cousin of Caitlin Dodds

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