

Glade Weekly News

November 25 – December 1, 2024



Glade Church, a United Church of Christ (UCC) congregation, is a progressive Christian community—welcoming, compassionate, and joyful—seeking to embrace all people wherever they find themselves in life. We strive to discern God’s still-speaking voice through worship, study, fellowship, and service. We work for God’s peace and social, economic, and ecological justice.

Lectionary Readings for the Week

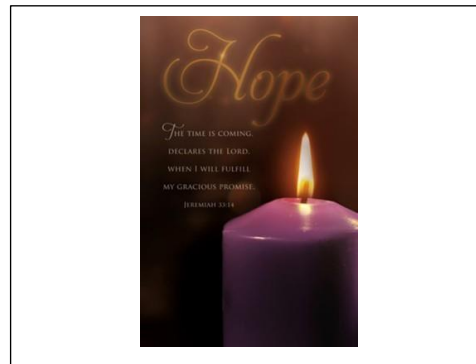
Jeremiah 33:14-16 — Psalm 25:1-10 — 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 — Luke 21:25-36

Scripture for the Week

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Common English Bible)

- ¹⁴The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah.
- ¹⁵In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David’s line, who will do what is just and right in the land.
- ¹⁶In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Word for the Week



Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

Jeremiah is known as the “weeping prophet.” His entire book is based on the judgment of Jerusalem and its leaders, insistent that God was going to let Babylon conquer the city as punishment for their failures to lead the people as God had commanded. Except for a few chapters, Jeremiah is screaming and weeping with frustration as the leadership of Jerusalem turns deaf ears to his warnings.

Jeremiah 33:14–16 appears in a small section of the book devoted to hope, the so-called Book of Consolation in chapters 30–33. The hope, however, is grounded in the judgment of the then-current leaders of Israel. The people of Israel will have a righteous king descended from the House of David, but it will only be after the leaders have faced the consequences of their actions – failing to love God and love and care for their neighbors – in exile that they would be ready to receive the Lord of Righteousness.

Our Hebrew Testament Scripture for Advent focuses not on the leader himself but on the purpose of his coming: the creation of a more just society. Jesus would teach the leaders of Israel, along with all of us who follow his Way of life, how to become a more righteous people.

While we may lack hope as we look at today's world, that does not mean that hope is lost. For as long as the teachings of Jesus exist to guide his followers, there will always be hope for a more righteous world.

Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Monday December 2nd Kelly isn't listing hours to not place limits on their availability to you. Please contact them for a meeting at a time that fits your schedule on office days. Should you need Pastor Kelly outside of these days, please don't hesitate to contact them. 540-521-9993, bryantkj@gmail.com.

Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday Morning

Attend in-person at 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg, or on Zoom at

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success

Spiritual Formation Class and Youth Group meets again on December 1

Spiritual Formation for adults and Youth Group meets on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Next meeting date is Sunday, November 17 at 9:45 AM. We hope you'll join us!

Volunteers are needed for Kids Church and Youth Group

There are leader slots available for youth, kids, and nursery. Session topic info is available on the sign-up link below. Youth Group is on the first and third Sundays of each month at 9:45 AM. Kids Church is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month during worship service. Here is the link to sign up to serve our children: [Kids Church and Youth Group Volunteer Signup](#)

Laundry Love

Sunday, December 1 from 2-4 PM at North Main Laundromat.

Laundry Love has opportunities to volunteer. This is a great way to put "Words" into "Actions" of faith and love. We do this at the laundromat on North Main across from the Y-Thrift Shop. Click below to volunteer!

[VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE](#)

It's not too late to turn in your 2025 Pledge Card!

The 2025 Pledge Cards were due on Sunday November 10th, but t's not too late to turn in your pledge card! Pledging is important because it helps Council plan the budget for next year. Cards are available on the podium at the front and back of the Sanctuary. You are welcome to drop your card into the offering plate or email a digital copy to the church at treasurer@gladeucc.org. Thank you!

To Our House Volunteer Signups are OPEN!

Glade Church will be hosting To Our House from December 28, 2024 through January 11, 2025.

Here's the link to sign up to volunteer: [To Our House 2024/2025](#)

Our guests appreciate your care and support. Thank you!

Help provide an extravagant welcome

We are going to start having Greeters posted at the two main entrances to the church to welcome people as they arrive on Sunday mornings. Greeters will hand out a bulletin, make sure visitors receive a visitor card to fill out, and answer any questions they may have about the church service and the building. There will be a sign-up sheet posted soon, but in the meantime see Sandra Bryant for more information or to sign up to be a Sunday Greeter.

Coffee & Devotion Group Meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 am

This virtual get-together meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour for a time to meet people, share thoughts, hear a brief devotion, and join in prayer. This time of fellowship is open to everyone, it's a time to gather for conversation, devotion and prayer. Come meet some people you may not know.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRlYTNuRkdPaUNqUTo9>

Radical Conversations [RadCon] Meets Saturdays at 11:00 am

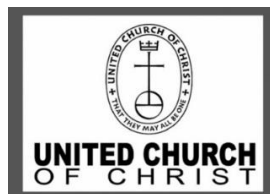
Radical Conversations meets from 11:00-12:15 each Saturday morning at the church. This is a time for open discussion of a wide range of topics. RadCon is open to any and every interested individual. RadCon is currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

UCC Purpose, Vision, and Mission Statements

Purpose: To love God with all our heart, mind soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. (From the Gospel of Matthew)

Vision: United in Christ's love, a just world for all.

Mission: United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.



John 17:21 is the scriptural foundation of the United Church of Christ