

Glade Weekly News

November 11-17, 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

Daniel 12:1-3 — Psalm 16 — Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 — Mark 13:1-8

Scripture for the Week

Hebrews 10:11-25 (Common English Bible)

¹¹ Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right side of God. ¹³ Since then, he’s waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for his feet, ¹⁴ because he perfected the people who are being made holy with one offering for all time.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit affirms this when saying,

¹⁶ *This is the covenant that I will make with them.*

*After these days, says the Lord,
I will place my laws in their hearts
and write them on their minds.*

¹⁷ *And I won’t remember their sins
and their lawless behavior anymore.*

¹⁸ When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

¹⁹ Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus’ blood,

²⁰ through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, ²¹ and we have a great high priest over God’s house.

²² Therefore, let’s draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water.

²³ Let’s hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

²⁴ And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. ²⁵ Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

Word for the Week

Sacrifice
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Pastor Kelly's Comments on the Scripture

This passage in Hebrews compares mortal priests, who “stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins.” Mortal priests could make sacrifices to atone, or compensate, for sins according to Jewish law, but they could never take the sins away. But Jesus “offered **one** sacrifice for sins for all time . . . When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.”

Jesus came with the message that humankind's sins were already forgiven. Humans had a mindset that they were separated from God, but Jesus's ministry told us that when we take care of the widow and the orphan, that we also care for Jesus (God). And God is always living inside of us in the form of Their Holy Spirit, who guides and directs us.

Jesus' ministry tore down the barriers that we had erected in our minds that kept us from God, telling us that, just like Jesus, we are all one with God. Because Jesus removed those barriers, “we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, ²⁰ through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body.” We were never separated from God except in our own minds. We can confidently approach God.

Jesus made the great sacrifice for his ministry, and this action allowed his followers alive to carry on his ministry and message. Had he not sacrificed himself, the authorities would have arrested and murdered the entire group. But because Jesus gave himself instead, they were able to live. In the book of John, we read “No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. . . I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last” (John 15:13, 16b).

Jesus' sacrifice of his own life made that future possible for them. They grew the community of faith that followed the teachings of Jesus, which eventually formed the church that would continue to share the message of Jesus with the world.

Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Monday November 18th 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.

In Other Words

Taken from:

There Is Power in the Love

Adapted from: There Is Power in the Blood

By: Lewis E. Jones

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in his love, pow'r in his love;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the love.

There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the love of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the precious love of the Lamb.

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 November 17


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 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 Coffee Fundraiser – order forms due Sunday

We are doing a coffee sales fundraiser to support Laundry Love! We hope you will help make the fundraiser a huge success by sharing the sale with your family and friends. Coffee makes a great Christmas gift! Each bag of coffee is \$15, and \$4 of each bag sold will go toward Laundry Love at Glade Church. Each type of coffee is available in whole bean or ground. Completed order forms and payment are due on 11/17. Checks should be made out to Glade Church.



The graphic shows a visual equation: a Laundry Love logo (a heart with a shopping basket) plus a Cascadia Coffee Roasters logo (a diamond shape with 'CASCADIA COFFEE ROASTERS' and 'EST. 2011'), equals a Laundry Love Coffee logo (a heart with a shopping basket and the word 'LOVE COFFEE'). To the right of the equation, there are three coffee descriptions:

- Each 12oz bag of Love Coffee supports Glade Church's local Blacksburg Laundry Love location that washes the clothes and bedding of low-income persons and families.**
- The Tumbler - Dark Roast**
This is a full-bodied, dark roast featuring notes of roasted nut and caramelized sugar.
- Top Loader - Medium Roast**
This is a rich coffee from Guatemala featuring notes of toasted oak and orange peel.
- Super Wash - Espresso Roast**
A robust three bean espresso blend that delivers a vibrant yet balanced espresso shots and great with all other brewing methods.

Laundry Love

Sunday, November 17 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](#)

Potluck Sunday 11/24!



We will have a potluck lunch after service on Sunday November 24th. Bring a dish to share and we look forward to seeing everyone!

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 and a digital version is also included in the email with this newsletter. 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!

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 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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUdkPaUNqUTo9>

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