



Glade Church

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This Week at Glade (Dec. 5 – Dec. 11, 2022)



WORD FOR THE WEEK:

WAITING

*Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.
For whoever finds me finds life
and obtains favor from the Lord.*

Proverbs 8:34-35

Advent is supposed to be all about waiting. But let's be honest, most of us are in an endless rush to shop, wrap, party, and to do all kinds of things to prepare for the gatherings and festivities of this season. It is often more like a distracted race, than patiently waiting. And then there are those of us who just can't wait for the whole thing to be over. And what about all those who simply find this time of year painful and lonely? They would just like to avoid the season. How do we wait in-the-midst of hustle and bustle and so much activity? Waiting for the arrival of Emmanuel is like waiting on a New York City subway platform at rush hour; noise,

confusion, pushing and shoving, exhaustion. But . . . even in the middle of chaos we can BREATHE and watch for the signs of the presence of God. God doesn't just come to us on silent nights when all is calm, God comes to us while we wait at traffic lights, while we stand in check-out lines, while we do the laundry, while we cook dinner, while waiting in the doctor's office or in all those other mundane places we find ourselves. God is in the mundane and routine activities of daily life. We just need to open our eyes, ears and hearts to notice God's presence. It is God who is waiting for us to pay attention.

OTHER VOICES:

*Turn around and believe,
that the good news that we are loved
is better than we ever dared hope,
and that to believe in that good news,
to live out of it and toward it,
to be in love with that good news,
is of all glad things in this world,
the gladdest of all.
Amen, and come Lord Jesus.*
-Frederick Buechner

LOOKING AHEAD: December 11, 2022, 3rd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146;
Luke 1:57-80; Matthew 11:1-11



To Our House is coming to Glade!

Glade Church will be hosting To Our House guests from January 14 thru 28. The Unitarian Church has offered to provide p.m. meals for the full two weeks, and we will serve and make lunches.

As in the past, we will need volunteers for the following positions:

- Set up and break down
- AM and PM Van Drivers
- Person in Charge
- Overnight

Please click the link below to sign up (or look for a sign up calendar at church. We will keep the paper copy at church as up to date as we can.)

Please sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4EABA822A20-toourhouse2>

Contact Person at Glade Church: Brenda Roberts- brenroberts1@me.com

The mission of To Our House is to provide winter shelter for homeless adults in the New River Valley and connect them with resources that lead to employment, housing, and personal economic sustainability.



Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. this Sunday and every Sunday Morning
Attend in-person or on Zoom. In-person: 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2lIZGtONIVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success Password: 202071

Need a ride to and from worship?
Contact Ashley Strand by phone (785- 764-8062) or email
(ashley@strandnet.us). Please give as much advance notice as possible.



Wednesday Mornings- Coffee & Devotion on Zoom

The Coffee & Devotion group meets on Wednesday mornings on Zoom at 10 a.m. This virtual get-together usually lasts for about an hour. There is informal chat and news-sharing at the beginning and then a bit of scripture is usually shared, followed by discussion and prayer. All are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNuRkdPaUNqUT09> Meeting ID: 892 4028 8592 Passcode: 290014

Katie Morris- Glade Kids:

Thanks to Jill Sible and Ann Leighton for leading kids' church this week. Pastor Martha will lead during the time with children during the service.

Also, the kids' art supplies are missing our bin of glue sticks! It was last used on November 27 when one of our kids reports that she returned it to the top of the cabinets downstairs. Please return it if you've borrowed it.

We are in need of a nursery worker for Sunday mornings. If you know of anyone who might be interested/qualified, contact Connie Cummings, Spiritual Formation: cvcummings1@comcast.net

Radical Conversations

Radical Conversations meets at 11:00 each Saturday morning at the church. During the weeks of Advent, the focus will be (1) the history and development of Advent, (2) the music and liturgy of Advent, and (3) personal reflections on the personal meaning of Advent. Everyone is Welcome! Contact Person: Edd Sewell: eddsewell@gmail.com



On **Wednesday, December 21st**, there will be a Longest Night service at Glade Church. This service is for those who may struggle during the holiday season due to grief, illness, the recent loss of a loved one, as well as to acknowledge the difficulties experienced by many world-wide. The service will provide a peaceful environment for contemplation and prayer. More information will be provided soon.

We will have our traditional worship service on **Christmas Eve**.



More info coming soon.

There will be no Sunday morning service on Christmas Day, Sun. Dec. 25th, 2022



Janet Murphy, Council President

It's Back!!!

Denise and I have been asked if we would once again host a New Year's Eve Game Night! If you are not familiar (since the last one was pre-Covid), we open up the church for anyone who would like to come have some good wholesome fun. Many games will be provided but feel free to bring your own to share with the group. We generally toast the New Year with sparkling cider around 9:00 so everyone can get to their New Year's Eve festivities. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Please, if you have not yet made a pledge to the church for 2023, mail in or bring your paper pledge form to church, or follow the link below to make a pledge in Breeze:

[Glade Pledge 2023](#)

Thank you!



United
Church of
Christ

PURPOSE:

*To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves
(Matthew 22)*

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

Have a great week!

Please send in your 2023 pledge if you haven't already!