

This Week at Glade



(December 4–10, 2023)

Visit the Glade Church website at gladeucc.org

Word for the Week

PEACE



2 Peter 3:8-15a (CEB)

⁸ Don't let it escape your notice, dear friends, that with the Lord a single day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a single day. ⁹ The Lord isn't slow to keep his promise, as some think of slowness, but he is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish but all to change their hearts and lives. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass away with a dreadful noise, the elements will be consumed by fire, and the earth and all the works done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be? You must live holy and godly lives, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming day of God. Because of that day, the heavens will be destroyed by fire and the elements will melt away in the flames. ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴ Therefore, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found by him in peace—pure and faultless. ¹⁵ Consider the patience of our Lord to be salvation.

Kelly's Thoughts

Most of us hate waiting, and it doesn't matter if the wait would even be worth it. WE stand in line at the grocery store. We sit on hold to speak with a person at the cable company. We wait for the results of a test run by our doctor. In this day of instant feedback, more information than could ever be held in a library at our fingertips on a device we carry in our pockets, and 2-day shipping with Amazon Prime, waiting could not be more counterculture.

And yet, Christian life in general is characterized by waiting. And Advent is the epitome of waiting. We want things in our own timeline, including God. But times such as Advent is to remind us of the things that are beyond our control. We cannot hurry the clock or the days on the calendar to go faster.

This passage from 2 Peter tells us that God's time is not our time. We are not in charge of what God has promised and we are not to doubt Their promises. And while we wait, we are to

“live holy and godly lives” and “, make every effort to be found by him in peace.” God is infinitely patient with us. Isn’t it the least we owe Them to be patient with God? To be confident in the promises of God? To not worry, but have a peace of mind and spirit in the knowledge that we are covered in Their love?

Kelly Bryant

Office Hours: No office hours this week. It’s my last week of the semester and I’ll be wrapping up school. But as always, please don’t hesitate to get a hold of me if you need me if something comes up. 540-521-9993. bryantkj@gmail.com.

OTHER WORDS

Taken from:

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

by Paul Gerhardt

*O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart’s delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.*

Paul Gerhart was a **German Lutheran theologian and hymn writer (1607-1676)**

You may hear the entire hymn at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDKIOAE5fvo&t=35s>

LOOKING AHEAD to Sunday:

December 10, 2023

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Mark 1:1-8 2 Peter 3:8-15a

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

Password: 202071

Need a ride to and from worship?

Contact Ashley Strand by phone (785- 764-8062) or email (ashley@strandnet.us).

Announcements & Opportunities

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

***Call for Worship Service Participants!** If you have a special song to play and/or sing or an appropriate poem or reading to share with the congregation, please let Pastor Kelly know.

* **Please sign up to bring a snack for Sunday after service fellowship time.** The sign-up sheet is outside the sanctuary over the thermostat.

To Our House at Glade Church January 27 thru February 10



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The To Our House sign-up sheet for 2024 is now active. The link is available on the Glade website and is included below.

Also below, you will find a short description of the positions available each day. In addition, Glade will be providing meals for one week.

If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact Janet Murphy or any member of Council.

AM Driver (6:30 - 7:00 am) - Arrive Glade 6:30 AM, drive guests in van to University Mall and return van to Glade. Leave van keys on top of refrigerator.

PM Driver (5:30 - 6:00 pm) - Find van keys on top of refrigerator. Drive van to University Mall, pick up guests, return to Glade. Put keys back on refrigerator.

Person In Charge (5:30 - 7:00 pm) - Make coffee, serve dinner, clean-up, make lunches if necessary.

Overnight (10pm-6:30am) - Sleep in Glade nursery, wake at 5:30AM & make coffee and serve biscuits/muffins

Meal (5:45 pm) - Prepare and deliver a meal for guests and staff to Glade at 5:45 pm.

The Person in Charge will serve the meal at 6:00 pm. Feel free to stay and help serve if you wish.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAEAA2DA3F5C52-46234861-toourhouse>

Coffee & Devotion Group on Zoom

Meets on Zoom Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 am

This virtual get-together meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour. It's a time to meet people, share your thoughts, hear a brief devotion, offer prayer requests, and join in prayer. Everyone is welcome!

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUckdPaUNqUT09>

Radical Conversations

Meets Saturday, December 9 at 11:00 am

Radical Conversations meets at 11:00 each Saturday morning at the church.

This week we explore the life and music of **Bono of U2**, a contemporary musician with a strong social justice message. The final musician we will explore is **Paul Stookey** — not immediately associated as a Christian musician but with a strong Christian message to share. He is the “Paul” of **Peter, Paul & Mary**.

If there are other musicians, religious or secular, that you would like to explore, talk to Edd at eddsewell@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome!

Naloxone (NARCAN) training course Sunday, December 10 after Worship

Following worship on Sunday, December 10, Glade will offer free training for anyone interested in learning how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and administer the opioid overdose reversal drug Naloxone/NARCAN.

Hosting To Our House and other activities at Glade carries the possibility of the need to respond to someone experiencing an opioid overdose. This is a possibility whether we want to admit it or not and being prepared is the best way we can respond.

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