



COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Following the Voice of Christ Together

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *O, Lamb of God; Worthy Is the Lamb; Majesty; Agnus Dei*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Ben Fike

Prayer – Patrick Massey

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Before the Throne of God Above

WORD

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Isaiah 49:1-7 & 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 – Brenda Peterson

Sermon – Ben Fike

“Come and See” (John 1:29-42)

Communal Contemplative Practice: Visio Divina with *Agnus Dei* by Francisco de Zurbaran

Lamb of God #176

TABLE

Prayer of Confession

Come to the Table

Communion Meditation – Wayne Massey

Worthy Is the Lamb

SENDING

Family Prayer – Natalie Beyer

Responsive Reading of Psalm 40:1-11

The Steadfast Love of the Lord #123

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Selector/Leader – Priscilla Russell

After worship, coffee and tea will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer of Confession by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget.

And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you.

But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will.

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

SUNDAY

9:30 Nursery During Worship Care for children under age 3 is available in the Nursery/Tot Room in the Worship Center

11:00 Classes

Children

Age 3 and under – Nursery/Tot Room in Worship Center

Age 4 - 5th grade – Kid's Praise Room (downstairs)

Youth

6th-12th Grade in the Teen Room

Adults

Two classes are offered – see below – classroom 9 and Fell. Hall Auditorium

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

January 18 New Adult Classes Begin

January 24 Senior Saints Gathering

January 27 Families Moving Forward

February 1 Life Groups

February 8 MCC, Super Bowl Party & Game Night

February 18 Ash Wednesday

February 21 North Durham Book Club, CMR Book Exchange

February 20-22 Youth Retreat

February 28 Senior Saints

March 1 Life Groups

March 14 Church Work Day

March 28 Senior Saints

March 29 Palm Sunday/CROP Walk

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

New Adult Classes Beginning January 18, adults will have two classes to choose from:

- *Encountering Jesus* This class series invites us into an open discussion about Jesus and the people he met —through conversation, shared reflection, and the many voices of our community. As we explore encounters between Jesus and the people he met, we'll listen for how Christ is still meeting us today and shaping the way we walk with him. The class is led by members of our congregation, with support from Paul Watson, Pat Daggett, and Karon Johnson, in **Classroom 9**.

- *Wisdom Literature* Wisdom Literature invites us to listen carefully to God amid the real questions of life—why good and bad things happen, how to live well, and what faith looks like in times of uncertainty. In this class, we'll study Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, and also touch on Wisdom Literature from the **Greek Old Testament**, listening for how these ancient voices continue to form wisdom for faithful living today. The class will be led by Mark Matson in the **Fellowship Hall Auditorium**.

Refresh Wednesdays Join us for a simple, shared breakfast meal on Wednesday from 5:30–6:30 PM—a low-pressure space to reconnect, eat together, and be present with one another. There are no additional classes or expectations, and you're welcome to come just for the meal and head home if that's what you need. Our Bible study will continue at 6:30pm for those who wish to stay, and we'll also invite neighbors to join us at the table. **If you can attend, scan the QR code below or write on your attendance card how many from your family will attend.** Questions? Contact Tim Wood.



Senior Saints will gather on January 24 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We will welcome in the New Year with our annual planning session. Come ready to share your thoughts and ideas for 2026 activities. Please [respond to Emma by Wednesday](#), January 21 so we can plan lunch.



Families Moving Forward™

We have an opportunity to prepare food and help serve an evening meal for the residents at Families Moving Forward on January 27. FMF provides temporary housing and other assistance for families who are transitioning from homelessness. [Click here to volunteer](#). Questions? Contact Phil Sweigart.

Thursday Bible Study – 7am – Church Library Start your day with scripture, conversation, and warm biscuits. This weekly gathering is a simple way to grow together in faith and friendship. All are welcome—just show up. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.

FAMILY NEWS

February Volunteer Scheduler If you know of Sunday mornings in February that you will not be available, please **enter those dates before January 20** in the [online scheduler here](#), or email [Sharon](#) and/or [Pam](#).

Prayer Concerns Paul Watson, Joel Keel, Donna Holladay, Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

Contacting an Elder Elders are committed to walk with you in prayer, support, and care. Please contact your Life Group elder if a need arises.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Tuesday 1/20: Ivy Johnson

Saturday 1/24: Wendy Schwade

COMMUNITY EVENTS

North Durham Book Club will meet on January 17 from 9:30-11am in the CMR Library (and on Zoom). We'll be discussing *Come and Get It* by Kiley Reid, over coffee and lightly guided conversation. Bring a friend and join our growing circle!



Soda Tabs

Save your soda tabs

for the Ronald McDonald House.

Drop off at the foyer kiosk.



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