



COLE MILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

9:00am GATHERING SONGS: *Abide with Me; My God and King;
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God; Shout Hallelujah*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Shout Hallelujah
We Are the Body of Christ
Prayer – Natalie Beyer
Christ Above Me*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Jesus Loves Me! #1014
Children's Blessing – Sharon Hilliard
Be Thou My Vision
Matthew 12:1-8 – Jo Wall
Sermon – Ben Fike
"Some Things Weigh More"

THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Before the Throne of God Above
Communion Meditation – Tim Wood
A Shield About Me

Family Prayer Time/Elder Selection and Reaffirmation Update – Charles Holton

SENDING

God Who Comes to Save

Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Rebecca Klingaman

SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

Visitors are invited to join Care Group 3 in classroom 9 in the Fellowship Hall

9:45am Children's Classes

Under Age 3 – Nursery/Tot Room in Worship Center

Age 3 - 5th grade – Kid's Education Wing Classrooms

10:50am Teen Class

6th-12th Grade – Teen Room

10:50am Adult Classes

CG 1: Room 11/ Fellowship Hall

CG 2: Room 14 / Fellowship Hall

CG 3: Room 9 / Fellowship Hall

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

October 28 Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat

October 29 Elder Ordination/Reaffirmation Service

November 5 All Saints Day

November 11 Memorial Service for Douglas Harpe

November 12 Baptism Sunday

November 19 Covenant Renewal

December 2 Gingerbread House Decorating

December 3 Advent Begins

December 9 Christmas Gathering

SUNDAYS

Children's Classes Ages 3-5th grade's current series is *Kings and Prophets*. For questions or information, contact our Family Minister, Sharon Hilliard.

Adult and Teen Classes Care Group and teen classes have begun a study developed by Dr. Amanda Pittman titled *Walking in the Way: The Journey of Discipleship in Luke's Gospel*. For questions or information, contact our Adult Education Ministry Leader, Lisa Clay.

Volunteer Scheduler If you know of Sunday mornings in November that you will not be available at church, please email [Sharon](#) and/or [Pam](#) or enter those dates in the [online scheduler here](#) by **October 25**.

ONGOING GATHERINGS

Wednesday Nights Bring your own dinner at 6pm, followed by a devotional.

Thursday Bible Study All are invited to a Bible study held every Thursday at 7am in the church library. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.

The Middle is an online group ranging from high school graduates through not-yet-Senior Saints. We deepen our faith in conversations around podcasts, audiobooks, and anything else we may find. Our next Zoom will be November 9 at 8:15pm. Questions? Contact Chris & Brenda Peterson or Landon & Rebecca Klingaman.

Voting Equipment Elections are on November 7, and CMR is a voting site for the Durham County Board of Elections. They appreciate your cooperation with two requirements: 1) For security, access to the entire Fellowship Hall building is restricted from Sunday 11/5 at 2:45pm through Wednesday 11/8 at 10:30am (unless CMR is your voting site), 2) Election signs are allowed 72 hours post-election per state law.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Elder Selection 2023: Major Dates

October 22: The names of current elders up for reaffirmation and new candidates to serve as elders are shared with congregation

October 27: Last day for any written, scriptural objections to any elders up for reaffirmation or new service

October 29: Ordination of new elders and reaffirmation of continuing elders in worship service



Mark your calendar for October 28 at 11am. This church-wide event will include activities for everyone. Invite your friends and neighbors! There are two sign-ups:

[Please RSVP](#) by **10/25/23** so we can plan for food (volunteers please sign up also).

[Sign up here](#) to help in the kitchen, decorate, greet, park, clean-up, or if you want to help but can't physically attend.

Christmas Gathering Chorus Everyone is invited to join the chorus for the Christmas Gathering on December 9. You don't need previous experience, just a desire to join in our "joyful noise" unto the Lord and in celebration of the Advent season. We love returning choral members and would also *love* to have new voices! In-person rehearsals **begin October 22** – you don't have to be present at all the rehearsals, but attendance is encouraged for at least 2-3 sessions. See Caroline Smith's 10/13/23 email for details, or [contact Caroline](#) for more information.

All Saints Day You're invited to participate in this service of remembrance by submitting the names of people who have died in the last two years who have made a significant impact on your life and faith. We'll have a special litany and prayer in which we hold these precious ones and their memories in the presence of God together. If you have someone you'd like to be included in this prayer, please send their name, the nature of your personal relationship with them, and if possible a high quality picture [to Pam by Sunday, October 29](#) (for the November 5 service).

Ukraine Remembrance Day at Brooks Avenue Church of Christ During the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainians have been in desperate need. If you've ever wondered how you can help, donate to, pray for, or learn about Ukraine and this war, join the Brooks Avenue Church of Christ on Sunday, November 5th, 2023 from 12:30-3:00 pm. All are welcome at the afternoon event in support of Eastern European Missions and Ukraine, hosted by Brooks Avenue Church of Christ. There will be Ukrainian games, desserts, music, guest speakers, trivia, and ways to stay responsibly informed. Questions or want to help out? Contact frontdesk@brooks.org.

FAMILY NEWS

Condolences Please remember the following families in your prayers:

- Our heart goes out to Scott Hamilton in the loss of three family members in one week: Aunt Lucille Banks, cousin Willie Banks, cousin Margery Haverd.
- Our sympathy also goes out to Brent Palmer whose uncle Dennis Michaud died on October 9.

Thank You so much for all of the prayers, cards, visits, and food during Douglas' illness and passing. It meant so much to us during this difficult time. Douglas loved God and his church and he spoke about it all the time. Thank you for all of your support and love. –David, Lisa, Lilly, and Lexi Harpe

Prayer Concerns Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Charles and Judi Runkle, Reverdy Ransom, Scott Hamilton, the Russell family, Elizabeth Walters, and those who provide care for them.

Giving You can give four ways: [Online](#), automatic bank draft, mail a check to the office, or leave a contribution in the plate at the back of the auditorium. Thank you for supporting our mission to join God's work of New Creation!

Listen to Sermons Did you know? You can [listen to sermons](#) from the church website!

Elder-on-Call (Sunday-Saturday) Contact Luke Smith with any concerns, need for prayer, or other ways the elders can provide support and care.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Friday 10/20: Brenda Peterson

Saturday 10/21: Kelli Bingham, Jim Holton, Eli Jared, Wilton & Beverly DuBois

Thursday 10/26: Philip Rash, Chris & Brenda Peterson

Friday 10/27: Laura Fike



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