

Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church

Our Vision

We stand together at the crossroads where God's powerful love compels us to worship Him fully, follow Jesus daily, and live in the Spirit joyfully.

Our Mission

Our mission is to pursue this vision with commitment, character, and in community.



**WELCOME
TO WORSHIP**



2025

Candles That Tell a Story

Lighting its candles each Sunday is a treasured tradition during the four weeks of Advent.

Depending on denomination, churches use different color combinations for the candles. Some place four blue candles around the wreath with a white one in the center, while others use all white. Many light purple candles on the first two Sundays, pink on the third, purple again on the fourth, and then a large white candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.



Each part of the wreath carries symbolic meaning:

- **The wreath:** Its circular shape represents the everlasting love of God, having no beginning or end. The green symbolizes eternal life.
- **The four candles:** Mark the four weeks of Advent. One tradition says that each candle also represents 1,000 years, totaling 4,000 years from Adam and Eve to Christ's birth.
- **Purple candles:** in ancient times, was expensive and was considered the color of royalty and kings. On Christmas, Christ is proclaimed King of Kings. Purple also symbolizes humility and penitence. The first purple candle represents Hope; the second, Peace; and the final purple candle, Love.
- **Blue candles:** Blue is another color often used as a symbol of royalty. Some churches use blue candles to symbolize the night sky and the anticipation of the announcement of Christ's birth. Blue also symbolizes the beginning of a new creation as in the waters of Genesis 1.
- **The pink candle:** Lit on the third Sunday, it represents Joy and marks the half-way point of Advent.
- **The white candle:** The large white candle in the center is the Christ candle. Its light symbolizes Christ the Savior — “the light of the world.” The beauty and brightness from the glow of all five candles is a reminder that Christ's life was the light for all earth's people — “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (John 1:5, NRSV).

The Advent wreath is more than just greenery and candles—it's a symbol of watchfulness and growing joy as Christmas draws near.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Kid's Kingdom

Submitted by Jamie

We have exciting news for our Children's Church! Kim Upton has organized a group of our members who will rotate weekly, helping with lessons in Children's Church. These volunteers are Susan Palm Vega, Perri (Upton) York, Cassie (Upton) Sterns, and Jennifer London. Additionally, Judy Byers, Dorothy Hull, Kathy Spurger, Sherri Mims, Tansy Chandler, along with our older youth London York, Cason Sterns and Emmie Connelely have offered to substitute and work with our 'littles.' Our Church is truly blessed to see so many individuals willing to share God's message.

To add to this exciting news, Steve Mims has donated a laptop that will permanently reside in the classroom upstairs for use by the leaders to enhance their Sunday lessons from Sermon4Kids. The laptop can be used to show relevant Christian videos from Share Faith Kids, Bible Kids and others that follow the Sunday lectionary. Kim has also donated a felt board allowing us to reuse Bible stories the church has stored for years! These felt board stories are designed for teaching kids age 2-4 about Jesus.

And if this isn't exciting enough, Tansy is re-igniting Youth Group events. The first event will be Sunday Dec 14 11:30-2 at the Church (upstairs). The theme this month is 'caring for others.' Our kids and their friends will have fun sharing their joy, assembling Christmas Stockings, and making cards for residents at Highland Manor. Again, as in the past, we encourage our children to invite their friends to Youth Group events.

If you haven't been upstairs in a while, it's time to make a trip and see another way God is richly blessing Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church.

Youth Group 10/24/21 making blankets for NNRH



Our very own, Kris and Mary-Ann attended the Grand Reopening of Friends In Service Helping-FISH, which has been serving the Elko area for 38 years and counting.



Last month, we honored and thanked Jamie Kendek for her many faithful years of service in teaching the children's Sunday School classes. Jamie has lovingly cared for and guided our youth, pouring her heart into every lesson, every activity, and every Sunday.

In November, we welcomed new members. Perri and London York, Cassie Stearns and Cason Upton-Romo. Cason was baptized also. Congratulations!



Christmas Prayer: The True Gift



Dear Lord, You have brought us to Christmastime once more. Help us not to get lost in the glitter and the glow, but to see the true glory of the birth of Your only begotten Son. Keep our hearts from clinging too tightly to parties, presents and decorations, and turn our eyes instead to Christ — who bears Your very image and brings us Your message of love and hope.

In the glorious name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

His Many Names, Our Great Hope

Long before the manger in Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah pointed God's people to the promise of a Savior. In Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) we read: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Even before Jesus' birth, his names revealed who he is and what he would bring. Each title carries a promise that still impacts our lives today.

- **Wonderful Counselor.** Jesus brings wisdom and guidance for every situation. In moments of confusion, we can lean on him to direct our steps with love and truth.
- **Mighty God.** He is strong enough to carry our burdens and powerful enough to overcome sin, fear and death itself.
- **Everlasting Father.** Jesus reflects the heart of God the Father, offering care that is constant and unchanging. His love doesn't fade with time or circumstance.
- **Prince of Peace.** In a world filled with turmoil, Jesus offers a peace that goes deeper than circumstances, a peace that guards our hearts and minds.

At Christmas, we celebrate more than a baby's birth. We celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise, a Savior with many names. Each one reminds us of his eternal love and presence. This season, let his names bring you comfort, strength and peace.

Gifts for a King

Bring him thy precious things
And lay them at his feet;
The gold of love, the hope that springs
The unknown ways to meet.

Bring him thy lovely things;
The joy that conquers care,
The faith that trusts and sings,
The frankincense of prayer.

Bring him thy bitter things;
The myrrh of grief and fears,
The aching heart that stings
With pain of unshed tears.

These for thy gifts to him;
And for his gifts to thee,
The comfort of his steadfast love,
His tender sympathy.

—Annie Johnson Flint



All Aboard the Christmas Story

On a recent train trip, I couldn't help noticing how the conductors' "welcome" speeches were all different. Unlike air travel, where safety instructions sound the same no matter who's speaking, Amtrak conductors each had their own style. One stressed that kids must stay with parents. Another warned that messy restrooms would be locked. A third cautioned that stepping off during a short stop could mean getting left behind. Each conductor emphasized what had caused trouble before.

And in much the same way, the Gospel writers highlighted different details of Jesus' birth. Matthew, writing for Jewish readers, connects Jesus to Moses, Abraham and David. He tells about Joseph's role and the wise men seeking the "king of the Jews." Luke, writing for Gentiles and society's outsiders, focuses on Mary, a humble birth and shepherds — the first unlikely visitors. Both messages tell the same story, but with unique emphases shaped by the audience.

And that's a reminder for us, too: when we share our faith, we can tailor the message. Longtime friends, curious neighbors, kids and the hurting will all hear God's love in different ways.

The Angels' Song in Three Words

On the very first Christmas Eve, frightened shepherds were suddenly surrounded by light and music. A choir of angels filled the night sky, singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14, KJV).

Nineteenth-century pastor Charles Kingsley reflected on how those three simple words — glory, peace, and good will — still capture the meaning of Jesus' birth and the hope it brings.

Glory. God's glory isn't shown in dazzling displays of power but in humility and mercy. The baby in the manger revealed God's greatness by stooping low, forgiving, and showing love.

Peace. True peace is more than the absence of conflict. It comes when we follow God's example of selflessness, giving up pride and selfish ambition to live in harmony with one another.

Good will. God's good will toward us is a gift that transforms our lives. Through Jesus, God invites us out of selfishness and sin into a life marked by love, kindness, and community.

The angels' song wasn't meant only for shepherds long ago. It still sings to us today, calling each of us to live in glory, peace, and good will.



Reconsider the Rush

The Christmas rush leads to stress for many people. But author Burton Hills viewed the madness from another perspective:

"Eventually, the hour comes when the rushing ends and the race against the calendar mercifully comes to a close. It is only now, perhaps, that we truly recognize the spirit of Christmas. It is not a matter of days or weeks, but of centuries — [more than] twenty of them now since that holy night in Bethlehem. Regarded in this manner, the pre-Christmas rush may do us greater service than we realize. With all its temporal confusion, it may just help us to see that by contrast, Christmas itself is eternal."

An Inescapable Date



We celebrate Christ's birth by referring to it in the date placed on all our coins, civil records and vital documents. It is inscribed upon metal and written on parchment and engraved on the cornerstones of great buildings. It is on every newspaper, every check, every deed, and it is universally acknowledged at the beginning of a new life.

Every human transaction is related to the birth of Christ. It cannot be avoided or evaded. God has seen to it that this event is more widely advertised than anything on earth that is or that ever has been.

—Dr. Walter Wilson




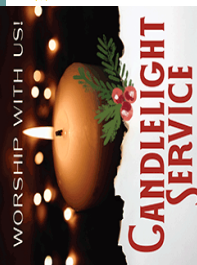

Who told Mary that her child would be called "the Son of the Most High"?

- A. Zechariah
- B. Gabriel
- C. Simeon
- D. Joseph

Answer: B (See Luke 1:26–32.)

December 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 Abraham Armstrong (B)	4	5	6
7 Rick / John 2nd Sunday of advent	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Joel / Gregg 3rd Sun of advent Youth Activity 11:30-2	15	16	17	18 Griffen Muckel (B)	19	20 Jeannie Gillins (B)
21 Kevin / Matt 4th Sun of advent	22	23	24 Rick Christmas Eve Allen Spurger (B)	25 Christmas Day Zeek Jensen (B) 	26 Joseph Land (B)	27
28 Tom / Sandy	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

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Heartfelt Christmas Quotes

"Because of his boundless love, Jesus became what we are that he might make us to be what he is."

—Irenaeus, third-century Christian apologist

"Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."

—Dale Evans

"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts."

—Janice Maeditere

"Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible."

—Author unknown

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

—Calvin Coolidge

