

# Historic White Marsh Church

April 26, 2026

Prelude Marjie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 572 **Blessed Assurance**

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading Galatians 2:17-20 Ben Vaughan

Hymn ~ 324 **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Prayer & Praise

Hymn ~ 602 **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Sermon: "Crucified with Christ" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 558 **I Am Crucified with Christ**

Benediction & Postlude

## **Visitors:**

**Welcome to our church!** Please complete the visitor card at your pew, then either give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the wooden offering box on the table at the church entrance.

**Sunday: Bible Explorers at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM**  
**Wednesday: Pray for Schools at 5:30 PM & Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

## **Crucified with Christ**

Galatians 1:6, 2:17-20; Romans 6:5-6; Colossians 2:12, 3:3;  
Philippians 3:7-8; Luke 9:23

### **The Big Idea**

The Christian life is not about becoming a better version of yourself—it is about dying to the old self and living from a new identity in Christ.

### **The Gospel Confronts Our Preference**

We naturally prefer a version of Christianity that allows us to stay in control. But the Gospel calls us not to improvement, but to surrender.

### **The Foundation: Union with Christ**

"I have been crucified with Christ" is not symbolic language—it is spiritual reality. We are united with Him in His death—and therefore freed from sin's power.

### **The Death of the Old Self**

The "old self" includes pride, self-reliance, and identity apart from God. This self is not improved—it is crucified.

### **Why Death Is Necessary**

We don't just need change—we need new life. And new life only comes through death and resurrection.

### **A Personal Reality**

Paul says, "I have been crucified."  
This is not abstract truth—it is personal transformation.

### **Where We Struggle**

We often want Jesus and control at the same time, but divided living leads to exhaustion.

### **Living It Out This Week**

**When you fail:** Remember—you are not your failure.

**When you succeed:** Your worth is not performance-based.

**In relationships:** Choose humility over pride.

**In anxiety:** Release control and trust Christ.

**In growth:** Focus on abiding, not striving.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Where do you see yourself drifting toward a "self-improvement" version of Christianity rather than a "death and new life" understanding?
2. What part of your "old self" do you find hardest to surrender? Why do you think you are holding onto it?
3. How would your daily life change if you truly lived as though your old self was crucified with Christ?

## **Announcements for April 26, 2026:**

Thank you to **Team White Marsh** for helping spruce up the church and grounds!

**Goodie Bags for LCPS:** We will assemble goodie bags on Wednesday, April 29, at 2:00 p.m. to give to all the employees of Lancaster County Public Schools for Teacher Appreciation Week. We need volunteers to help!

**Prayer for Schools.** Join us at HWMC for prayer on Wednesday, April 29, at 5:30 p.m.

**Bible Study & Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m.

**April is Hygiene Month for Shoebox Supplies. We need toothbrushes, washcloths, and combs.** We also have an Amazon link to our Historic White Marsh Shoebox gift list for your shopping pleasure. When you place an order, please have it delivered to your home address and bring it to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Hall (804-387-3588) or Sandi Sutherland (804-214-5679). (See insert)

### **April Celebrations**

#### *Anniversaries*

Ben & Naomi Vaughan - April 18

Pete & Anabel Baron - April 19

#### *Birthdays*

Matt Grigsby - April 6

Anna Lee Haynie - April 7

Tammy Jo Arsenault - April 9

Lindy Jett - April 15

Pete Baron - April 19

Wesley Hall - April 26

Dan Boyer - April 29

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