

# Historic White Marsh Church

March 1, 2026

Prelude Marjie Lampkin

**Hymn ~ 11** **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:8-9 & Psalm 103:8-14 Pat Larsen

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk Jean Bryan

Special Music: "If We Are the Body" Bob Huff

Sermon: "Love That Seeks What Is Broken" Pastor Brad

**Hymn ~ 460** **Let Us Break Bread Together**

Communion

**Hymn ~ 343** **Amazing Grace**

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**

## Love That Seeks What Is Broken

Genesis 3:8-9 & Psalm 103:8-14

### 1. God Pursues Before We Respond

"Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9)

God speaks first. Before confession. Before explanation. Before consequence. Love initiates restoration.

#### **Application:**

When you feel distant from God, remember — He has already moved toward you. Respond to His invitation instead of withdrawing further.

### 2. Hiding Deepens Shame — Honesty Restores

"I was afraid... and I hid." (Genesis 3:10)

Fear isolates. Shame convinces us to withdraw.

But the Lord is "merciful and gracious... abounding in steadfast love." (Psalm 103:8)

#### **Application:**

Bring what you are carrying into the light. Pray honestly. Confess quickly. Reconnect with trusted believers. Healing begins with truth.

### 3. God's Love Covers and Restores

"He does not deal with us according to our sins." (Psalm 103:10)

God takes sin seriously — but He takes restoration more seriously. He knows we are dust, and He loves us still.

#### **Application:**

Reject the lie of disqualification. Receive God's mercy. Walk forward in confidence knowing that God is for us.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. When have you experienced the temptation to "hide" spiritually? What did that produce?
2. How does Psalm 103 reshape your understanding of God's heart toward your failures?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to come out of hiding and into honesty?
4. What does it mean personally to you to believe that "God is for us"?

**Announcements for March 1, 2026:**

**Prayer for Schools.** Join us at HWMC for prayer on **Wednesday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Bible Study & Prayer Meeting** on **Wednesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 10** at 1:00 p.m.

**Friendship Fellowship** will be on **Sunday, March 15**, following the worship service. We will celebrate March birthdays! Please sign up to bring a dish.



**March Celebrations**

*Birthdays*

Sandi Sutherland - March 3

Jesse Dize - March 8

Lisa Szumigala - March 15

Naomi Vaughan - March 18

***Tithes & Offerings:*** Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

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