# **Historic White Marsh Church**

November 2, 2025

Prelude

Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 12 Praise Him! Praise Him!

Welcome and Announcements

**Responsive Reading** 

Hymn ~ 185 Jesus Loves Me

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk Jean Bryan

Hymn ~ 447 Jesus Loves the Little Children

Sermon: "God's Gift of Life" Pastor Brad

Communion Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 419 The Family of God

Benediction & Postlude

**Visitors:** Welcome to our church! Please fill out the visitor card located at your pew and then give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the offering box.

Sunday: Bible Explorers at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

### God's Gift of Life

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." – Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV)

Life is sacred because it begins with God. From conception to natural death, every human being bears His image (Genesis 1:27). Scripture and science both testify that life in the womb is a divine creation — fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13–16).

### **Key Truths:**

- God is the Author of all life (Genesis 2:7).
- Life begins in the womb known and formed by God (Jeremiah 1:5).
- Every life, born or unborn, reflects God's image and purpose.
- The Gospel offers grace and healing for all.
- The Church is called to defend the vulnerable in love and compassion.

#### Reflection:

Choosing life means more than preserving existence — it means valuing every person as a masterpiece of God's creation. As followers of Christ, we are called to speak for the voiceless (Proverbs 31:8–9) and to show mercy and grace to all who need healing.

"I have set before you life and death... therefore choose life." – Deuteronomy 30:19 (ESV)

# **Study Questions:**

# When does life begin, according to Scripture?

Read Jeremiah 1:5 and Psalm 139:13–16. How do these passages shape our understanding of life in the womb and God's involvement in creation?

### What does it mean to "choose life" in everyday situations?

Reflect on Deuteronomy 30:19. How can believers "choose life" in the way we treat others, forgive, and serve?

# How can the Church balance truth and compassion when addressing the sanctity of life?

Consider John 8:1–11 (Jesus and the woman caught in adultery). How can we speak truth boldly while extending the same grace Christ has shown us?

# What are some practical ways you can defend or support life in your community?

Think of local ministries, pregnancy support centers, foster care, or mentoring opportunities. How might God be calling you personally to be His hands and heart in valuing life?

### **Announcements for November 2, 2025:**

**Pray for LCPS, NCPS, and our community Homeschoolers**. Join us at Church of Deliverance at 3734 Mary Ball Rd. in Lively for prayer on Wednesday, **November 5, at 5 p.m.** 

The Lancaster Community Library Bookmobile will be here Friday, November 7 and November 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers needed.

**Shoebox Packing Party & Pizza:** Sunday, **November 9** after worship.

Board Meeting: Monday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the final HWMC Fall Concert featuring Hunter Owens on Friday, November 14 at 7 p.m.

Shoebox Sunday! Shoeboxes Out the Door: Sunday, November 16

**Sunday of Giving Thanks: November 23** 

Please consider supporting the Shoebox Ministry. You can use this QR Code to purchase items.



**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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Sundays with Alabaster Grace on 101.7 Bay FM: 9:15-9:30 AM