Historic White Marsh Church

November 9, 2025

Prelude

Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 807

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Welcome and Announcements

Song: Armed Forces Medley (Lyric Video)

Reflections from Veterans

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:8 and 1 Samuel 16:7

Noelle Torgerson

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk

Sandi Sutherland

Worship Song: Purify My Heart (Lyric Video)

Sermon: "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 513 Thank You, Lord

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

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

- The Meaning of Pure in Heart: To be pure in heart is to be whole
 — to live with undivided devotion to God. It is in having pure hearts
 that we are able to live fully focused on God, as He intends for us.
 (Matthew 23:25; Proverbs 4:23; 1 Samuel 16:7).
- 2. Why Purity of Heart Is Necessary:
 - God looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7)
 - Sin begins in the heart (Matthew 15:19)
 - Intimacy with God requires holiness (Hebrews 12:14)
- 3. How Purity of Heart Is Possible:
 - Purity comes by cleansing (Psalm 51:10; John 1:9)
 - Purity comes by new birth (Ezekiel 36:26)
 - Purity is pursued through obedience (James 4:8)
 - Purity is sustained by a focus on Christ (1 John 3:2–3)
- 4. The Promise "They Shall See God":
 - The longing to see God (Exodus 33:18; Psalm 42:2)
 - The limitation under sin (Exodus 33:20; Isaiah 6:5)
 - The vision fulfilled in Christ (John 14:9)
 - The ultimate vision in eternity (Revelation 22:4)
- 5. Living with a Pure Heart Today:
 - Guarding what you allow into your heart (Proverbs 4:23)
 - Confessing and repenting quickly
 - Seeking integrity over image
 - Cultivating a single-minded devotion (Matthew 6:24)
- 6. What Are Some Practical Applications of Seeking and Living with a Pure Heart?
 - In our personal holiness, we should ask ourselves regularly, "Am I worshiping with clean hands and a pure heart?" (Ps. 24:4)
 - In our relationships
 - In our worship (John 4:24)
 - In our mission work

Study Questions:

- 1. Read Matthew 5:8. After considering this passage and listening to the sermon, define purity. What does it mean to be pure in heart?
- 2. The promise in Matthew 5:8 is "for they shall see God." What does this mean? Why is this so important?
- 3. How can we purity our hearts? What role do we play in purifying our hearts (see James 4:8) and what role does God play (see Psalm 51:10)?
- 4. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?

Announcements for November 9, 2025:

Shoebox Packing Party & Pizza: Today after worship!

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

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 12, at 5 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,** after the worship service.

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

Giving of Thanks Sunday and Church Thanksgiving Dinner: November 23. The dinner will follow the worship service.

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