

Historic White Marsh Church

February 15, 2026

Loved into Existence
Genesis 1:1-4, 26-31 & Psalm 136:1-9

Prelude

Hymn ~ 210 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-4, 26-31

Prayer & Praise

Responsive Reading His Love Endures Forever

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Hymn ~ 347 And Can It Be?

Sermon: "Loved into Existence" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 349 O How He Loves You and Me

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

1. Creation Is Not Random—It Is Intentional and Relational - God spoke the universe into being. The same God who created all things remains sovereign and unshaken today.

2. The Repetition of Goodness - God names His creation "good," and humanity "very good," *before* sin or failure. God's love precedes human performance.

3. Psalm 136: Creation and Covenant Love - Psalm 136 links the acts of creation to God's steadfast love that endures forever. Creation itself testifies to God's faithfulness.

4. Image of God: Dignity and Purpose - Being made in God's image gives every person inherent dignity, worth, and purpose. No one is disposable or insignificant.

5. Practical Applications: Living as the Loved

- We stop treating life as meaningless.
- We resist voices that diminish our worth.
- We practice gratitude.
- We have a perspective of security, not shame.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does knowing God loved humanity *before* sin, effort, or achievement change the way you understand your relationship with Him?
2. Where do you feel pressure to prove your value—through work, roles, or expectations? How does being created in God's image speak into that pressure?
3. Psalm 136 repeats, "for his steadfast love endures forever." How does creation—nature, the heavens, daily rhythms—remind you of God's love?
4. If you truly believed you were "loved into existence," what might change in how you treat yourself, others, or the world around you?

Announcements for February 15, 2026:

Pray for LCPS, NCPS, and our community Homeschoolers. Join us at HWMC for prayer on Wednesday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Friendship Fellowship after today's worship service. We will celebrate February birthdays!

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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