

# Historic White Marsh Church

March 8, 2026

Prelude Marjie Lampkin

Hymn ~ 147 How Great Thou Art

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5, 14 & Colossians 1:15-20  
Dave Larsen

Hymn ~ 100 Thou Art Worthy

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk Jean Bryan

Hymn ~ 348 My Savior's Love

Sermon: "Love Made Flesh" Jesse Blythe

Hymn ~ 323 At the Cross

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 Made Flesh

John 1:1-5, 14; Colossians 1:15-20

**1. God's Love Came Near** - John begins his Gospel by reminding us that Jesus is the eternal Word who was with God and was God from the beginning (John 1:1-2, 14). The Creator of the universe did not remain distant from His creation.

**2. Jesus Reveals the Heart of God** - Colossians declares that Jesus is "the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15). When we look at Jesus—His compassion, mercy, and sacrifice—we see the true character of God.

**3. Christ Holds Everything Together** - Life often feels uncertain and fragile, but Scripture reminds us that "in him all things hold together" (Col. 1:17). The same Christ who created the world continues to sustain it.

**4. Love Reaches the Cross** - God's love did not stop at the incarnation—it continued all the way to the Cross. Through Jesus' sacrifice, God reconciled the world to Himself and made peace through His blood (Col. 1:20).

### Application:

If Christ is central to creation and redemption, He must also be central in our lives. We follow Him not to earn God's love, but because God's love has already come to us through Jesus.

### Discussion Questions

1. Why is it significant that the Gospel of John begins with Jesus as the eternal Word present at creation (John 1:1–3)? What does that tell us about who Jesus truly is?
2. How does seeing Jesus as "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15) shape our understanding of God's character?
3. In what ways have you experienced the truth that Christ "holds all things together" during uncertain or difficult seasons of life?
4. If the Cross is the ultimate demonstration of God's love, how should that shape the way we respond to Christ in daily life?

**Announcements for March 8, 2026:**

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

**Prayer for Schools.** Join us at HWMC for prayer on **Wednesday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Bible Study & Prayer Meeting** on **Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Friendship Fellowship** will be on **Sunday, March 15**, following the worship service, celebrating March birthdays with cake!



**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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