

Historic White Marsh Church

January 18, 2026

Prelude Marjie Lampkin

Opening Hymn ~ 224 We Have Come into His House

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Hymn ~ 506 I'd Rather Have Jesus

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Hymn ~ Better Is One Day - Lyric Video

Sermon: "A Heart That Longs for God" Pastor Brad

Closing Hymn ~ 503 Since Jesus Came into My Heart

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 offering box on the back table.

A Heart That Longs for God

Key Scripture: Psalm 84

• A Heart for God Longs for His Presence (vv. 1–2)

True worship begins with a deep desire for God Himself, not just His blessings.

• A Heart for God Finds Its Home in Him (vv. 3–4)

God's presence is not merely a place to visit but a place to dwell, bringing joy and belonging. (Matthew 6:21)

• A Heart for God Is Strengthened Through the Journey (vv. 5–7)

When our strength is in God, even difficult seasons become places of growth and renewal.

• A Heart for God Prays Boldly (vv. 8–9)

We can pray honestly, boldly, and trustingly! (Philippians 4:6-7)

• A Heart for God Values Him Above All Else (vv. 10)

One day in God's presence is better than a lifetime of comfort without Him.

• A Heart for God Trusts God's Character (vv. 11–12)

The Lord is our sun and shield; those who trust Him are truly blessed. (2 Timothy 2:11-13)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Longing for God:** What do you find yourself longing for most in daily life? How can we grow in longing more deeply for God's presence?
- 2. Dwelling with God:** What does it look like practically to "dwell" with God throughout the week, not just on Sundays?
- 3. God in the Valleys:** Have you experienced a season where God used hardship to strengthen your faith or draw you closer to Him?
- 4. Trusting God's Goodness:** How can we continue to trust God when His answers don't align with our expectations?

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

Announcements for January 18, 2026:

There will be a **Celebration of Life for Mike Bryan** on **Wednesday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m.** Reception to follow. Cards can be mailed to Jean Bryan at 354 Spring Hill Rd., Lancaster, VA 22503.

Due to the Celebration of Life for Mike Bryan, the **Prayer Meeting for LCPS, NCPS, and Community Homeschoolers**, as well as the **Bible Study and Prayer Meeting**, are **cancelled** on **Wednesday, January 21.**

The **Lancaster Community Library Bookmobile** will be at HWMC this **Friday, January 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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***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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