

Historic White Marsh Church

February 8, 2026

Prelude

Hymn ~ 348 **My Savior's Love**

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 Larry McMurray

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Hymn ~ 157 **The Love of God**

Sermon: "The God Who Is Love" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 702 **Fill My Cup, Lord**

Communion

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 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

The God Who Is Love

1 John 4:7-21

- **Love begins in God, not in us.**
Love is not something we manufacture; it flows from God's very nature. Because *God is love*, those who know Him will naturally reflect that love.
- **Love is known through relationship, not information.**
Knowing God is not merely knowing facts about Him—it is a lived, relational knowledge that transforms how we love others.
- **Love is revealed, not imagined.**
God showed us what love looks like by sending His Son. The Cross reveals God's heart and meets us at our deepest need.
- **Love is defined by sacrifice, not sentiment.**
God's love does not respond to our goodness. It precedes it. It precedes everything!
- **Love abides—and so do we.**
To abide in love is to live continually in God's presence. We do not earn love; we exist because we are loved.

Discussion Questions

1. **"God is love" (1 John 4:8) is a profound statement.**
How does this truth shape the way you think about God, especially during seasons of doubt, hardship, or uncertainty?
2. **John connects loving others with truly knowing God.**
Where do you see evidence of God's love growing in your life—and where might love be blocked or underdeveloped?
3. **God reveals love through action by sending us His Son.**
How does looking to Christ, rather than circumstances or emotions, help you to better understand God's love for you?
4. **God's love precedes our response and comes at great cost.** What does sacrificial love look like in your everyday relationships right now, especially with people who are difficult to love?

Announcements for February 8, 2026:

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

Pray for LCPS, NCPS, and our community Homeschoolers. Join us at **HWMC** for prayer on **Wednesday, February 11, at 5:30 p.m.**

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

Friendship Fellowship will be on **Sunday, February 15**, following the worship service. We will celebrate February birthdays! Please sign up to bring a dish.

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