

Throughout the Church...

Celebration of Life for Janetta Johnson

- Monday @ 11am

Personnel Meeting - Monday @ 6pm

Baptizing America Book Study (in person)

- Tuesday @ 10:30am

Disciple Women - Tuesday @ 12pm

Christian Ed Meeting - Tuesday @ 1:30pm

Justice Through Faith - Tuesday @ 2:30pm

Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am

MLT Meeting - Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Baptizing America Book Study (virtual)

- Thursday @ 6:30pm



← Check out our full calendar of events here

Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.

Loving Our Neighbors



2026 Worship Theme

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| 01 | JANUARY
What Is Love? | 07 | JULY
Pursuing a Liberating Love |
| 02 | FEBRUARY
Learning to Love Yourself | 08 | AUGUST
God's Unbreakable Love |
| 03 | MARCH
Lent:
Learning to Love the Dust | 09 | SEPTEMBER
Stewardship Campaign:
When Love Is Enough |
| 04 | APRIL
Who Is Our Neighbor? | 10 | OCTOBER
A Just Love |
| 05 | MAY
When Neighbors Feel Like Enemies | 11 | NOVEMBER
Responding to Love |
| 06 | JUNE
Love Wins | 12 | DECEMBER
Advent:
Love Embodied |



PHILIA

(BROTHERLY LOVE)



January 11, 2026
10:30am

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Today's Meditation

The world is now too small for anything but brotherhood.
- Rev. A. Powell Davies (1902-1957)

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation & A Moment of Silence
Prelude on "Beatitudo" - Young

†Call to Worship

One: We gather today on the occasion of love's invitation

Many: Where is love inviting us to go?

One: Love's invitation is into community, making a family of neighbors; strangers into kin

Many: Why does love call to us?

One: Because, love has prepared you for mission

Many: How has love prepared us?

One: You seek to grow, you notice the holy, you stretch your comfort zones, you defer to compassion

Many: What if we are afraid?

One: Fear will not survive love. Love is the antidote.

Many: May God's love be enough for us, today and always. Amen.

†Opening Hymn #25
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: As we enter this new year, we lift our hearts to the God who makes all things new. Our hope is in You, O Lord. When yesterday's burdens try to follow us into tomorrow, give us strength to rise in faith and begin again. When the path ahead feels uncertain or the night seems long, let Your light guide our steps and calm our fears. When our hearts grow weary and our dreams feel distant, renew our spirits, O God, and restore our joy. We trust that You are already in our future, preparing good things for those who choose love. Keep your love at the top of our mind and at the center of our hearts, as we remember and offer again the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...Our Father/Creator...

†Vision Response #357
We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4

Scripture Reading Romans 12:10-13 (NJB)
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music Jubilate Ringers
Epiphany Carol Linda R. Lamb

Sermon Rev. Adam Bradley
Philia (Brotherly Love)

†Hymn of Commitment #517
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling vs 1,2,4

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn #254
Breathe on Me, Breath of God vs 1-2

The Lord's Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.
Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning - Harding/Leatherman

Offering Meditation

Tithes & Offerings
If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.
Gaudeamus Igitur - arr. Mansfield

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response #431
Go, My Children, with My Blessing vs 3

Postlude
Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice! - Paxton



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Ministering Today

Elders Beth Cox
Kevin Wolfe

Deacons
Chancel Head Beth Reynolds
Tim Dougherty
Lindsey Hinshaw
Peter Hinshaw
Levi Holloway

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