

Throughout the Church...

Administrative Board - Monday @ 7pm
Baptizing America Book Study (in person)
- Tuesday @ 10:30am
Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am
Book Club - Wednesday @ 5:30pm
Baptizing America Book Study (virtual)
- Thursday @ 6:30pm
Movie Night - Saturday @ 6pm
Installation of Rev Adam Bradley
-Next Sunday @ 2pm



← 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

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



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(ROMANTIC LOVE)



January 18, 2026
10:30am

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Today's Meditation

When someone loves you, the way they talk about you is different.
You feel safe and comfortable.

- Jess C. Scott, *The Intern*

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation & A Moment of Silence
Joys Are Flowing Like a River - Marshall/Wagner

†Call to Worship

One: *We gather before the God whose love awakens wonder.*

Many: **We come seeking love that is embodied, rooted, and true.**

One: *Scripture sings of love that delights and does not hide.*

Many: **A love that is mutual, respectful, and unashamed.**

One: *The Holy meets us where longing meets possibility.*

Many: **And calls us toward joy, connection, and courage.**

One: *Love is God's gift and God's invitation.*

Many: **We gather to learn, to love, and to live it out.**

†Opening Hymn #4
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: God of Love, You created us for deep connection; for affection that moves us, and for relationships that awaken joy. You are the spark behind sincere affection, and the strength beneath every enduring bond. As we worship today, stir what is good within us, renew what has grown dull, heal what has been wounded, and make room for delight to flourish. Teach us the beauty of love that honors and cherishes, love that is chosen with intention, and tended with grace. Meet us with Your presence, and shape us into people who love well. With gratitude and trust, we pray as Christ taught us, saying...Our Father/Creator...

†Vision Response #357
We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4

Scripture Reading Song of Solomon 2:1-7
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music Sanctuary Choir
In This Very Room Ron & Carol Harris

Sermon Rev. Mason Fitch
Eros (Romantic Love)

†Hymn of Commitment #499
When Love Is Found vs 1,2,5

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

Communion Hymn #570
Sweet Hour of Prayer vs 1 & 3

The Lord's Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.
A Canticle Of Peace - Ritter

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.
Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound - Hayes/Wagner

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response #433
Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Postlude
Andante Maestoso - Corelli/Price



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Ministering Today

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