

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

We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4

#357

Scripture Reading
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music
In This Very Room

Sanctuary Choir
Ron & Carol Harris

Sermon

Rev. Mason Fitch
Eros (Romantic Love)

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

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

Elders	Sandy Surface Steve West
Deacons	Beth Reynolds Tim Dougherty Lindsey Hinshaw Peter Hinshaw Levi Holloway
Lay Reader	Cheryl Davis Natalie Woods Sandy Surface
Acolyte	Aldine Allen
Greeters	Jim & Beth Smittkamp
Counters	Kevin Wolfe
Adult SS	Kathleen Wheeler
Youth SS	Jenny Tripses
Preschool	

Staff

Lead Pastor	Rev. Adam Bradley
Pastor	Rev. Mason Fitch
Music Ministry Coordinator	Heather Woods
Organist	Brian Woods
Child Care	Brandy Ganschow
Office Manager	Diane Poff
Bookkeeper	Lynn Hutton
Interim Custodian	Brandy Ganschow