

Tradition

1. a time-honored practice
2. the passing down of elements of a culture from generation to generation



Jan. 11, 2026

8 and 11 AM Worship

PRELUDE

“Sicilienne”

arr. Callahan

WELCOME

MISSION FOCUS

Youth and Adult Mission Trips

BAPTISM

Flora Strine-Ashbrook; Merida Strine-Ashbrook

CHORUS

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS

***WE'RE CALLED TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, foolish people; God is calling us. The God of all time and space wants our attention.

People: Why are we called foolish? Might it be because we have embraced the world's view rather than God's?

Leader: God says to us, love your enemies; pray for those who persecute you.

People: We pray today for strength and courage to meet both friend and foe without favoritism but instead with forgiveness and grace.

Leader: God's instruction is that we are to be true and just, generous and loving to others as God is to us.

People: We will accept the challenge to love as Jesus demonstrated God's love for all.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER/SILENT PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

Loving God, teach us to recognize Your voice so that we can resist the clamor of competing calls from idealogues, false prophets, destructive social media influences, and those who peddle falsehoods. Jesus has shown us what it means to love but we often want to love on our terms instead. We have forgotten that You call us to standards far different from the accepted norms in our culture. We have ostracized people You invite us to love and shown scorn for some for whom You have asked us to pray. We have become enmeshed in the world's

foolishness. We need to be reminded that we belong to Christ who lifts our guilt from us so that we might begin again to love ourselves and our neighbors. We pray that Christ be with us, before us and behind us. We pray that Christ be in us, beneath us and above us. We pray that Christ be on our right and left. We pray to be filled with love that passes all understanding. Grant us the courage and conviction to love lavishly, to be foolish for You.

GREETING

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC	"Sing, Sing, Sing" Sanctuary Choir	Wagner
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:43-48	
HYMN	"The Gift of Love"	408
MESSAGE	"Loving the Enemy We 'Hate'"	Pastor Rob

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING TO GOD *In love, God gives us more than enough, and we spread God's love by generously sharing what we have received.*

OFFERTORY	"Aria"	Moore
*RESPONSE	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	557
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	"Fanfare"	McCabe