

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:	10:30 AM:
Song Leader: Carl Wamble	Song Leader: Kevin Taylor
121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing	986 Kum Ba Yah
Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey	63 I Will Call Upon the Lord
228 Oh, How He Loves You and Me	Call to Worship: Allen Pratt
1015 Jesus Loves the Little Children	622 Ring Out the Message
371 And Can It Be That I Should Gain?	23 Our God, He is Alive
Bread: Steve Jones	324 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed
Fruit of the Vine: Wayne Dellinger	Bread: Bruce Robins
Giving: Mike Wilson	Fruit of the Vine: Del Meadows
863 I Love You with the Love of Lord (PFL)	Giving: Antoine Johnson
Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:14-21 Zane Huckabee	574 Oh, How I Love Jesus
453 Love Lifted Me	Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:14-21 Mark Williamson
Sermon: Ricky Cook	959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus
719 Love One Another	Sermon: Ricky Cook
Prayer Requests/Announcements	464 Because He Lives
679 They'll Know We are Christians (PFL)	Prayer Requests/Announcements
Closing Prayer: Mike Wilson	148 I Keep Falling in Love with Him
Usher 1: Rutherford Wilson	Closing Prayer: Antoine Johnson
Usher 2: Bob Ozomah	Usher 1: John Birus
Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell	Usher 2: Curtis Brooks
Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise and Praise for the Lord.	Projectionist: Chuck Morris
Sunday Evening Worship	We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.
Song Leader: Rodney Philyaw	
Call to Worship: Allen Pratt	
Scripture Reader: Antoine Johnson	
Lord's Supper: John Jones	
Closing Prayer: Bruce Robins	
Projectionist: Carl Wamble	
	Wednesday January 21st
	Song Leader Mike Wilson
	Devotional Leader Allen Pratt
	Closing Prayer Alan Sandlin
	Projectionist Carl Wamble



Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation.
- Please fill out a guest card and give it to one of the ushers.
- Communion cups are available in the foyer. The cups will be picked up by the ushers after communion.

Serving Next Week: January 25th

8:00 Service

Brother of the Month	Mike Wilson
Song Leader	Charles Hamilton
Call To Worship	Jeff Watson
Bread	Alan Sandlin
Fruit of the Vine	Palmer Young
Giving	Eric Gilbey
Scripture Reader	Bryson Gilbey
Closing Prayer	Eric Gilbey
Usher 1	Kevin Hogg
Usher 2	LeRoy Bell
Projectionist	Carl Wamble

10:30 Service

Brother of the Month	Demetrius Morris
Song Leader	Bruce Robins
Call to Worship	Michael Wilkins
Bread	Jerry Prestridge
Fruit of the Vine	Steve Koziol
Giving	John Jones
Scripture Reader	Michael Ozomah
Closing Prayer	John Jones
Usher 1	Adrian Williams
Usher 2	Elijah Prestridge
Projectionist	Chuck Morris



January 18, 2026

The Greatest of All

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." *1 Corinthians 13:13*

Our theme here at the Laurel congregation for 2026 is "Growing in Love." No one could reasonably argue the primacy of love in God's plan. God is love – *1 John 4:8*. Love is the catalyst for our redemption – *John 3:16*. It is also the defining trademark of Jesus' disciples – *John 13:35*. Thus, the devotion to growing in love must be a perennial pursuit of every child of God.

The declaration of the apostle in *1 Corinthians 13* is that love is the greatest of all. When we understand the words of the apostle it further imparts to us the great need for us to grow in love. The declaration of the apostle is not a reference to competition among these Christian graces (i.e. – faith, hope, and love). Rather, it is a statement of fact based on the nature of these graces. All three of these graces are indispensable to the child of God. Concerning "faith" we know – *Hebrews 11:6* "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Concerning "hope" we are assured – *Romans 8:24* "For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?"

Why then does the apostle declare love to be the greatest of these? Because one day our faith will become sight and our hope will be realized. By contrast, love is eternal and will exist on into the life with God in Heaven. God's love for us is demonstrated in the unfolding of redemption through Christ Jesus in the Bible. Our love for God, for one another, and for all humanity is demonstrated as we become living embodiments of the Father's will. He calls us to do what He did first—to love. All glory to God! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook