

Overcoming Toxic Relationships



MacPherson Presbyterian Church

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*God calls MacPherson Presbyterian Church
to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to make disciples, and to be His witness.*

Weekly Prayer Focus

Memory Verse

“Take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.” ~ ~ *Malachi 2:16*

Prayer Priorities

- * A successful TLC dinner on April 20.
- * An amazing outreach to our community through Vacation Bible School July 21-25.
- * A successful Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp June 16-22.
- * For safe Youth summer camp July 29-August 3.
- * For successful outreach to Happy Feet soccer.

Personal Prayer Notes

Next Week's Sermon

Overcoming Love for Money

1 Timothy 6:1-16; Hebrews 13:1-14

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

George Salyer

Music

The Angelics

The Record of Our Faithfulness

March 31, 2024

Budget Fund: \$4,927.00

Building/Roof Fund: \$390.00

March 31, 2024

Early Service: 38

Sunday School: 5

Traditional Service: 79

Online Viewing (*both services*): 32

Nursery at 11:00: 4

Church Staff:

Pastor

The Rev. Dr. James W. Randall, Jr.

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

8:45 Worship Experience

Prelude

***Welcome & Passing of the Peace**

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #1 (p. 8)

“Blessed Assurance”

Offering & Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Judges 16:16-27 (OT)

James 4:1-10 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Overcoming Toxic Relationships

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Affirmation of Faith (p. 7)**

***Departing Song #2 (p. 9)**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

11:00 Worship Experience

Prelude

*Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship (Hebrews 11:30-40/ *Responsively*)

One: By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

MANY: By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

One: And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

MANY: Who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

One: Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.

MANY: They were stoned, they were sawn in two,

they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

ALL: And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

***Hymn #1** (p. 8)

“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Compassionate Lord and Savior,

ALL: Forgive us for our unbelief. Often we doubt You are real. We live believing we don't need Your help until we have made a mess of our lives. We especially need Your divine pardon for we give-in to our temptations too often. Many times our temptations lead us into toxic relationships which interfere with our relationship with You. We know temptations arise from within us and because of our bad motives. Help us to overcome this world and to have unwavering faith in You, O God. Draw us now to Your throne of mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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Children's Message

"Samson"

Offering of Substance & Life

*Doxology & Prayer *(CCLI #2922140)*

Scripture Lessons

Judges 16:16-27 *(OT)*

James 4:1-10 *(NT)*

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*Affirmation of Faith *(p. 7)*

*Hymn #2 *(p. 9)*

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

*Benediction & Postlude

Affirmation of Faith

From “The Confession of 1967” (9.47)

Reconciled to God, each person has joy in and respect for his own humanity and that of other persons; a man and woman are enabled to marry, to commit themselves to a mutually shared life, and to respond to each other in sensitive and lifelong concern; parents receive the grace to care for children in love and to nurture their individuality. The church comes under the judgment of God and invites rejection by man when it fails to lead men and women into the full meaning of life together, or withholds the compassion of Christ from those caught in the moral confusion of our time.



*The Flowers In Worship Are Given
To the Glory of God
And In Thankfulness for
The Easter Music by
Beth Walters, the Chancel Choir,
and the Angelics
Such a Blessing!*



Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

2. Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love *Chorus*

3. Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love *Chorus*

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine/Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 7

Communion

8:45 am Early Service

9:30 am Fellowship Breakfast—All Welcome!

10:00 am Sunday School (Various Rooms)

11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, April 8

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH)

6:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228, #233A)

7:00 pm BSA Troop 771 (FH)

Tuesday, April 9

5:30 pm GS Troop 886 (FH/K/233A, 224)

5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#122,#124)

6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 am ESL Tutoring (#233A)

4:30 pm McCrafters (FH)

6:00 pm BYOB & Bible Study (FH/K)

7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, April 11

9:00-3:00 Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)

10:00 am Circle 5 (FH)

6:00 pm Fireside Chat (YouTube)

7:00 pm Pastor's Bible & Book Study (#205/Zoom)

7:00 pm Eagle Board of Review (Various Rooms)

Friday, April 12

10:00-3:00 pm Services for the Blind Daily Living Skills (FH/K)

7:00 pm SOS: Seekers of Sobriety (FH/K)

Saturday, April 13

7:30 am MacPherson Men

8:00 am—Noon Happy Feet Soccer (Soccer Field)

Next Sunday, April 14

Centsability Offering; Cabell-Lincoln Applications Due

8:45 am Early Service

9:30 am Fellowship Breakfast—All Welcome!

10:00 am Sunday School (Various Rooms)

11:00 am Traditional Service

12:15 pm Youth Fellowship

12:15 pm Session (#205)

≈ This Week at MacPherson ≈

▶ **TLC Invitees:** Tomorrow is the deadline to RSVP to the office! Please call or email by tomorrow, April 8!

▶ **MacPherson Men** are meeting on Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 am. Will you be attending? Please RSVP to the office by this Thursday!

▶ **Planning to go to** the Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp? Applications are due on Sunday, April 14!



VBS 2024
at MACPHERSON
save THE DATES
in your
calendar now!
JULY 21-25

EVEN BETTER:

SCAN THE QR CODE AND
REGISTER TODAY!!! SIGN-UP
TO BRING A CHILD, TO
ATTEND THE ADULT CLASS,
OR TO VOLUNTEER!!!!!!



Keep In Prayer

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