

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.*

If Today Is Your First Time Here . . .

Welcome to MacPherson Presbyterian Church!

- If you are attending the 8:45 am service, you are invited to join us for a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
- Restrooms are located out the door to the left as you face the pulpit.
- Sunday School for all ages begins at 10 a.m. Please join us!
- Children are always welcome in the sanctuary, but there is a nursery for infants and toddlers during the 11 a.m. service if you desire. Any usher can direct you. Also during the 11 a.m. service, toddlers and young elementary children are invited to take part in children's church after the children's message.
- If you'd like to get to know us more, please join us for supper and activities on Wednesday night (Bible study, children's and adult choirs). A full schedule is listed in the calendar. Your first Wednesday Night Supper is free for you and your family. You need only call the office by Tuesday to put your name on the reservation list!

Visitor Information Card

Date _____

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ APT. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

I (am): New in the community Would like minister to visit/call
 Looking for a church home Would like to join this church
 Would like to know more about this church

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION IN THE OFFERING PLATE

Early Worship Service

8:45 am

Prelude

***Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ**

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

#281 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#513 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Offering

“Patriotic Medley”

-arr. Beth Walters

*This medley includes the service songs for
each branch of the Armed Forces.*

*When you hear the song for the branch of service
in which you served, please stand and be recognized
for your service to our country.*

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lessons Numbers 13: 25-33, p. 131 (OT)

Hebrews 11:32-40, p. 226 (NT)

Message

“The Conviction of Faith”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Affirmation of Faith**

***Departing Song #403** (v. 1 & 2)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Sermon Notes

What is it about faith that enables the Christian
to receive the approval of God?

Next Week's Sermon

Gratitude of Faith

Psalm 116:12-19; Hebrews 13:15-16

Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles *Jezenia Reyes, acolyte*

*Welcome/Passing of the Peace

Introit “What Wondrous Love Is This”
-American Folk Hymn

Invocation

Call to Worship (1 John 5:1-4/ *Responsively*)

One: Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.

MANY: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

One: For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

MANY: For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

***Hymn No. 281** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed, page 14/Gloria Patri, # 579

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

One: Sovereign God,

MANY: In Jesus, You call us to turn away from sin, yet we continue to stray from following Your ways. We stray because we do not walk by faith but by sight. Increase our faith! Holy Spirit, we cannot walk authentically in this world as children of God without Your guidance. We choose to follow the ways of this world rather than God's ways. Forgive us, gracious God, through Jesus Christ, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Believing is Seeing

Anthem

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

-arr. Stan Pethel

Scripture Lesson Numbers 13:25-33, p. 131 (OT)

Offering of Substance & Life **“Patriotic Medley”**

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***Doxology & Prayer**

***Hymn No. 513** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 11:32-40, p. 226 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon “The Conviction of Faith”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn No. 403** (v. 1 & 2)
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** “Amen”
- *Traditional*

***Postlude**



*The Flowers in the Sanctuary Are Given
To the Glory of God and
In Honor of
America's 242nd Birthday
By Liz Hart & William Kern*



Vacation Bible School 2018
Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity
July 15-19

- Bible school activities start each night at 6 pm and end by 8 pm.
- A light snack supper is served Monday thru Thursday at 5:30 pm, at a cost of \$2 per person.
 - Sunday ONLY: A potluck meal will be hosted starting at 5 pm on Sunday night. Each family is asked to bring a meal to share with everyone.
- Children from kindergarten to 5th grade are encouraged to participate.
- Youth 6th grade or older may volunteer as group leaders during the week.
 - Volunteers are still needed for arts and crafts, decorating crew, storytelling, and to help with registration. Please contact Dennis Reid or Scott Grumelot if you can help.
- Registration is available every evening during the week.

From Worship and Music . . .

The following blog post speaks to the importance of nursery workers. Because the post is long, we will present it over the next three weeks. We hope to especially illustrate the spiritual value of nursery workers at MacPherson. If God speaks to you in something you read, please call the church office or speak with Julie Bekkering about serving in this ministry.

“Just” a Nursery Worker — Ouch!

Having had to do a lot of recruiting when I worked in a church, I am well aware of common attitudes toward being a nursery worker. For some it was an easy way to get involved . . . just babysitting. For others it was viewed as a hardship . . . they did their time and didn't want to be stuck in the nursery. I quickly picked up on three hurtful perceptions about being a nursery worker that needed to be overcome:

1) These young children were not seen as an important age group to serve. Ouch!

Babies can't learn the Bible, it is argued, so they aren't an important age to invest into ministry-wise. Here's why this perception is hurtful:

- Infants and toddlers are not too young to learn. They might not be able to do an exegetic study of a Bible verse but they are getting a sense of the kind of God we have and how good it is to be a part of His Church. Why wouldn't we want to be strategic in making sure they are getting the right impressions?
- Jesus thought little children were valuable enough to take time for them out of His busy schedule (Matt. 19:13-15). If Jesus viewed them as precious and in need of His touch, why wouldn't we feel the same today? Some of the attitudes toward serving in the nursery must grieve His heart.

Let's value infants and toddlers in the Church. Let's invest not only our time and effort into training these young ones but also our hearts.

Continued next week . . .

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Be In the Know! —Week of 7/1/18

- ▶ **Life Line Screening will be** returning to MacPherson on Friday, July 13. Fliers are available around the church if you are interested in registering.
- ▶ **If you are still working on your quilt square**, please remember that the deadline is July 4!
- ▶ **It's Christmas in July** for FAPS! Check out the Worship & Music Bulletin Board for additional information. Top items needed are bleach, potty pick-up bags, Pill Pockets, and Odo-ban. Complete list on the bulletin board.
- ▶ **Next week is** MacPherson's monthly Centsability offering.

Keep In Prayer

*Please see Sunday Bulletin in Service for
Complete Prayer Listing.*

May We Pray for You?

The Pastor and the MacPherson Prayer Team would like to pray for you and your concerns. Please fill out the slip below and return it to the office, drop it in the collection plate, or place it into the wooden box marked "Prayer," which hangs on the wall near the Little Kitchen.



Please Pray for: _____

This person is:

- Myself
 Family member (relationship) _____
 Coworker Friend/Neighbor Church Member

Request Is for:

- Surgery (Date & Time) _____
 Health & Healing Hospital Stay
 Marriage & Relationships Finances/Employment
 Spiritual Guidance Grief
 Depression/Mental Health Child/Youth
 Cancer Addiction/Recovery
 Hospice/End of Life Other

Please describe your concern: _____

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

- Please share with the Prayer Team & the Pastor.
 This request is confidential (Pastor only).
 Please have the Pastor call me.
 Please add name to prayer list in bulletin/newsletter.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 1

Communion

8:45 am Early Service (S)
9:45 am Fellowship (FH, K)
10:00 am Church School (various rooms)
11:00 am Worship Service (S)
4:30 pm Sunday Devotional (P)
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)
4:30 pm Young Disciples (#227)

Monday, July 2

7:00 am Monday Morning Prayer (FH)
5:30 pm Christian Ed (#208)
6:00 pm Autumn Bazaar (P)
6:45 pm Troop Meeting (FH)
7:00 pm Bible Study (#205)

Tuesday, July 3

6:00 pm Finance (#205)
6:30 pm Bible 101 (@Goodrum Home)

Wednesday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED FOR 4th of JULY!!

Thursday, July 5

8:00 am Prayer Walking Group

11:00 am Worship & Music (P)
6:30 pm Congregational Care (FH)
6:30 pm LRP (#205)
7:00 pm E & M (#228)

Friday, July 6

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

Saturday, July 7

7:30 am MacPherson Men
9:00 am FH/K/S Reserved for Eagle Scout Celebration; Ceremony (@ 3:00 pm (Brenden Altom)

Next Sunday, July 8

Centsability Offering

8:45 am Early Service (S)
9:45 am Fellowship (FH, K)
10:00 am Church School (various rooms)
11:00 am Worship Service (S)
12:00 pm VBS Meeting
3:00 pm Elder Training
4:00 pm Session
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)
4:30 pm Young Disciples

Church Staff:

Pastor

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

Music Director

Beth W. Walters

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

Organist

Julie Bekkering

Accompanist

Amanda Schafer

The Record of Our Faithfulness

June 24, 2018

Budget Fund: \$NA (Computers
Building Fund: \$NA were down)

June 24 Attendance

Early Service: 26
Sunday School: 26
Traditional Service: 68
Nursery (during 11 am): 0