

*The Apostles' Creed and Why It Matters*  
*I Believe in God*



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**March 3, 2024**

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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

“My shield is with God, Who saves the upright in heart.” ~ Psalm 7:10

## Prayer Priorities

- \* An amazing outreach to our community through Vacation Bible School.
- \* For a blessed Sunrise Service.
- \* For successful outreach to Happy Feet soccer.

## Personal Prayer Notes

### Next Week's Sermon

**March 10**

**I Believe in the Holy Spirit**

Psalm 139:7-10; Hebrews 9:11-14

### Serving in Worship Today

**Liturgist**

George Salyer

**Music**

The Angelics

### The Record of Our Faithfulness

**February 25, 2024**

Budget Fund: \$5,201.00

Building/Roof Fund: \$215.00

**February 25, 2024**

Early Service: 15

Sunday School: 17

Traditional Service: 60

Online Viewing (*both services*): 70

Nursery at 11:00: 3

### **Church Staff:**

***Pastor***

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

***Church Secretary***

René Bahrenfuss

## **8:45 Worship Experience**

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**Prelude**

**\*Welcome & Passing of the Peace**

**Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise**

**Hymn #1** (p. 7)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Offering & Prayer**

**Scripture Lessons**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (OT)

John 17:1-5 (NT)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

*I Believe in God*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (p. 6)

**\*Departing Song #2** (p. 8)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

# 11:00 Worship Experience

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## Prelude

## \*Welcome

## Invocation

### Call to Worship (Psalm 40:1-5 / *Unison*)

I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in the LORD. How blessed is the man who has made the LORD his trust, and has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood. Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; there is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count.

### \*Hymn #1 (p. 7)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## 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. 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*

**Children's Message**

“The Creator”

**Offering of Substance & Life**

**\*Doxology & Prayer** *(CCLI #2922140)*

**Scripture Lessons**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 *(OT)*

John 17:1-5 *(NT)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

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# Affirmation of Faith

*From "The Nicene Creed" (1.1)*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.



*The Flowers In Worship Are Given  
To the Glory of God  
And In Loving Memory of  
Donnie Dees  
By His Family*



# #1 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness/O God my Father  
There is no shadow/Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not/Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been/Thou forever wilt be

## *Chorus*

Great is Thy faithfulness/Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning/New mercies I see  
All I have needed/Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness/Lord unto me

2. Summer and winter/And springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars/In their courses above  
Join with all nature/In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness/Mercy and love ... *Chorus*

3. Pardon for sin/And a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence/To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today/And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine/With ten thousand beside ... *Chorus*

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Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan

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## #2 Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy holy holy/Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning/Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy/Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons/Blessed Trinity
2. Holy holy holy/All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim/Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art/And evermore shalt be
3. Holy holy holy/Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man/Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy/There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power/In love and purity
4. Holy holy holy/Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy/Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons/Blessed Trinity

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John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber  
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# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, March 3

### **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

12:15 pm Anthony Diaz Eagle Scout Ceremony (S/FH/K)

## Monday, March 4

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH)

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

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

7:00 pm BSA Troop 771 (FH)

## Tuesday, March 5

8:00 am-4:00 pm Classical Conversation Homeschoolers

5:30 pm GS Troop 888

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

6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

## Wednesday, March 6

9:00 am ESL Tutoring (#233A)

4:30 pm McCrafters (FH)

5:00 pm Finance (FH)

5:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)

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

7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

## Thursday, March 7

**Session Team Meetings—See schedule at right**

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

6:00 pm Fireside Chat (YouTube)

6:30 pm Praise Band (S)

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

## Friday, March 8

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

6:00 pm Parlor Reserved Pastor (P)

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

## Saturday, March 9

**7:30 am MacPherson Men**

8:00 am-Noon Happy Feet Soccer (*on the field*)

**9:00 am Manse Workday**

## Next Sunday, March 10

**Centsability Offering/Girl Scout Sunday**

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)

### **Session Team**

#### **Meetings: March 7**

6:00 pm APP (FH)

6:00 pm E & M (#228)

6:30 pm W & M (224)

7:00 pm Christian Ed  
(P)

7:00 pm LRP (#233A)

7:00 pm Congregational  
Care (FH)

## *Resurrection Missions 2024*

Donations are being accepted through March 24. Dedications will be published in a special section of the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

**I would like to make a \$10 donation  in honor or  in memory of**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my contribution to go to

- The Building Fund
- Tunnel to Towers

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

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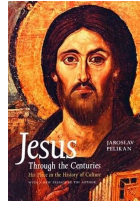
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## ∞ This Week at MacPherson ∞

► **Pastor Jim's next Bible & Book Study** will begin this Thursday: *Jesus Through the Centuries—His Place in the History of Culture*. The book is available on Amazon and through your favorite online used bookseller. As always, Pastor Jim will pair Scripture reading with chapters from the book.



The study meets Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the Session Room or via Zoom. All are invited to attend! Speak with Pastor Jim if you have any questions!

► **Coming in late April** for BYOB on Wednesday nights: A Study of Psalms, starting with the Messianic Psalms. Watch for more information in March!

► **One Last Manse Workday!** Help needed Saturday, March 9 at 9:00 am. You're invited to join the MacPherson Men for a hearty breakfast beforehand—just RSVP to the office!

► **MacPherson Men—RSVP** to the office by Thursday at noon if you plan to attend on Saturday, March 9!

► **Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp Informational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come to the information meeting to learn more about the work, cost, travel arrangements, accommodations, and so much more. Is this the year you will join MacPherson as the hands and feet of Christ at the Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp? Come to the information meeting to have all your questions answered!

► **Interested in singing** in the Chancel Choir on Easter Sunday, March 31? Please put these rehearsal dates on your calendar: March 17 and 24. Practice will start around 12:15 and last 30-45 minutes. See Jeannie Jernigan if you have any questions.

**Keep In Prayer**

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