

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

Sermon Notes

How often should we offer to God sacrifices of praise?
What types of sacrifices please God? What is it about
doing good and sharing that pleases God?

Next Week's Sermon

The Courage of Faith

Daniel 6:1-28; 1 John 5:13-21

Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles *Catherine Cade, acolyte*

*Welcome/Passing of the Peace

Introit “Take My Life”
-*Havergal / Malan*

Invocation

Call to Worship (*Leviticus 22:29-33 / Responsively*)

One: When you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.

MANY: It shall be eaten on the same day, you shall leave none of it until morning; I am the Lord.

One: So you shall keep my commandments, and do them; I am the Lord.

Many: And you shall not profane My holy name, but I will be sanctified among the sons of Israel: I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

ALL: Who brought you out from the land of Egypt, to be your God; I am the Lord.

***Hymn No. 482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Affirmation of Faith

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

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

One: Righteous God,

ALL: We come before You this morning seeking Your forgiveness. We need Your forgiveness because we sin constantly, often without thinking. We know that we should be grateful for all that You do for us; and yet, we live as if we are entitled to the abundance of Your provision. Please forgive us. Help us, Holy Spirit, to be people of gratitude, not only on Sunday but, every day, through Jesus our redeemer and Lord, we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Centsability Offering

Children's Message

Grateful

Special Music

-Juanita Russell & John Bekkering

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 116:12-19, p. 564 (OT)

Offering of Substance & Life

***Doxology & Prayer**

***Hymn No. 310** “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 13:15-16, p. 228 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon “The Gratitude of Faith”

***Hymn No. 442** (v. 1, 2, 4)

“The Church’s One Foundation”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

“Amen”

-Traditional



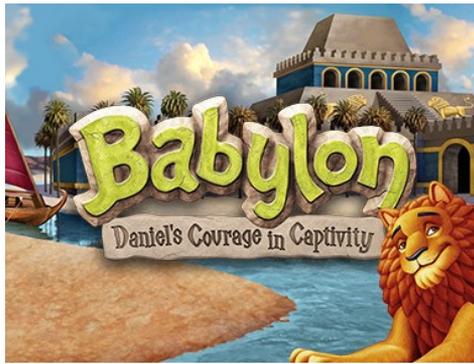
*The Floral Arrangement in the Sanctuary
Is Given to the Glory of God and
In Memory of the Parents of
Beth Wood Walters.*

*Jeanne Shiel Wood
January 11, 1928-May 1, 1997*

*Allen Wilton Wood, Jr.
July 6, 1927-October 14, 2014*

Given by Beth & Stuart Walters





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. This is part 2 of 3. 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!

2) Being a nursery worker was not seen as an important role to fill. Ouch!

Change a few diapers, play with them a little, feed them a bottle, and put them down for a nap. That doesn't sound like ministry, some might think, just care-taking. In part, I believe people feel this way because they don't understand the role they can have. They view themselves as babysitters, someone to free the parents up to attend classes or services. Even if that is all that's to it, they would have an important role to fill.

But, nursery workers have a much more important role than that if they see themselves as foundation builders who prepare children for what is to come, affecting their attitudes toward God and His Church. Laying a foundation is extremely important as seen in the construction of a building. Jesus told a parable contrasting the effects of a storm on an edifice built on a firm foundation and one that was not (Matt. 7:24-27). Lest you think being a foundation builder isn't important, take a look at Scripture. God's "own hand laid the foundations of the earth" (Isa. 48:13). The Church was built on a foundation (Eph. 2:19-22). Our future home, the heavenly city, is built on a foundation (Heb. 11:10; Rev. 21:14,19).

If God views foundation building as critical, why wouldn't we see the potential of this kind of role in the nursery as important? Let's expect more than mere babysitting. Let's elevate the role of being in the nursery to true ministry.

Continued next week . . .

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Be In the Know! —Week of 7/8/18

▶ **Life Line Screening will be** returning to MacPherson on Friday, July 13. Fliers are available around the church if you are interested in registering.

▶ **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.

▶ Special thanks to Julie Bekkering, Juanita Russell, Amanda Schafer, and the choir for leading worship while I am on my mission trip to Haiti. ~ ~ *Beth Walters*

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 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 (FH)
- 4:00 pm Elder Training & Session
- 4:30 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)
- 4:30 pm Young Disciples

Monday, July 9

- 7:00 am Monday Morning Prayer (FH)
- 6:45 pm Troop Meeting (FH)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (#205)

Tuesday, July 10

- 6:30 pm Bible 101 (@Goodrum Home)

Wednesday, July 11

- 1:30 pm Devotions at Carillon
- 4:00 pm Knitwits
- 5:45 pm Prayer Meeting (S)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir (#111)
- 6:30 pm BYOB with Kids Activities (FH, K)
- 7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, July 12

- 8:00 am Prayer Walking Group

- 6:30 pm Eagle Board of Review (#224, #227)

Friday, July 13

- 8:00 am-6:00 pm Lifeline Screening (FH, K)
- 7:00 pm SOS: Seekers of Sobriety (FH, K)

Saturday, July 14

No activities listed

Next Sunday, July 15

- 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 Caring Team
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School

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: \$14,646.00
Building Fund: \$525.00

June 24 Attendance

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

The Record of Our Faithfulness

July 1, 2018

Budget Fund: \$3,356.00
Building Fund: \$100.00

July 1 Attendance

Early Service: 27
Sunday School: NA
Traditional Service: 79
Nursery (*during 11 am*): 3