

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

#333 “Seek Ye First”

#172 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Daniel 6:1-28, p. 826 (*OT*)

1 John 5:13-21, p. 241 (*NT*)

Message

“The Courage of Faith”

***Affirmation of Faith**

***Departing Song #441**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Sermon Notes

To whom does Daniel give credit
for his salvation from the lions?
Who does Darius confess will deliver Daniel?

Next Week's Sermon

The Reverence of Faith

Habakkuk 2:18-20; Luke 17:11-19

***Hymn No. 333**

“Seek Ye First”

Affirmation of Faith

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

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

One: Compassionate Father,

MANY: We bow in Your presence this morning seeking forgiveness for the myriad sins we hold in our hearts. We seek Your divine pardon because we do not love each other or You as we should. Shower us this day with Your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen!

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Message

Courage

Anthem

“Feed My Sheep”

-Shinholser / arr. Joan Reppert

Scripture Lesson

Daniel 6:1-28, p. 826 (OT)

Offering of Substance & Life

***Doxology & Prayer**

***Hymn No. 172**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Scripture Lesson

1 John 5:13-21, p. 241 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“The Courage of Faith”

***Hymn No. 441**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

-arr. John Fawcett

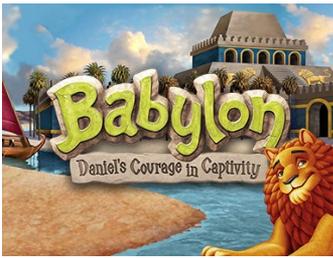
***Postlude**



*The Flowers in the Sanctuary
Are Given to the Glory of God and
In Memory of Ann Welch,
Devoted Wife and Mother,
Who Passed On This Day Last Year,
To Be Forever with
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*

By John Welch & Family





Vacation Bible School
Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity
Starts Tonight! — 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.

➤ Registration is available every evening during the week.

Karaoke & Ice Cream!

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All Are Invited!

Sunday, July 29 @ 5 pm
Fellowship Hall

Youth Are Coordinating the Karaoke
CCT Is Providing the Ice Cream!



Bring a Friend for the Fun!!!!

From Worship and Music . . .

The following blog post speaks to the importance of nursery workers. Because the post is long, we have present it over the past three weeks. This is part 3 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!

3) Serving in the nursery merely fills an immediate need. Ouch!

Somebody has to do it so we don't have crying babies in the worship service, right? Parents need to go to their own classes so somebody needs to take care of their children, right? While nursery workers do fill an immediate need, this motivation for working in the nursery is hurtful because it is so short-sighted.

As we've already seen, nursery workers have the potential of laying a good foundation in the lives of these children which can affect their future relationship with God and His Church. Think of John the Baptist who had the important ministry of preparing the way for the Lord Jesus. He was not the Savior but was used by God to develop pliable hearts ready to be introduced to the One who would save them.

The foundation laid in the nursery will be built upon by teachers to whose classes these young children will eventually be promoted. It's a similar concept to what we read 1 Corinthians 3:10 — “By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.”

Let's approach the nursery with a view to the future. Let's “build with care” and lay the foundation in these young lives “as a wise builder.”

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Missed a week? Want to read the whole article again?

Go to the Min Tools Blog at

<https://mintools.com/blog/nursery-worker.htm>

Be In the Know! —Week of 7/15/18

► **It's Christmas in July** for FAPS! Check out the Worship & Music Bulletin Board for additional information or the little red wagons for a complete wish list! Top items needed are bleach, potty pick-up bags, Pill Pockets, and Odoban. Other items on the list include paper towels, trash bags, stamps, Dawn dish detergent, hand soap/sanitizer, and used towels and blankets.

► **Next Sunday** is MacPherson's monthly food drive. All donations are appreciated, but especially needed are rice, Chunky style soups, mac & cheese, and canned chicken or tuna.

► **Quarterly statements** are now available in the narthex.

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

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 (FH, K)
5:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 16

7:00 am Monday Morning Prayer (FH)
6:45 pm Troop Meeting
5:30 pm VBS

Tuesday, July 17

5:30 pm VBS
6:30 pm Bible 101 (@Goodrum Home)
7:00 pm Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 18

**Rene Out of Office Today
But It's Still**

Newsletter Deadline Day!

1:30 pm Devotions at Carillon
4:00 pm Knitwits
5:30 pm VBS
5:45 pm Prayer Meeting (S)

7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, July 19

Meals on Wheels
8:00 am Prayer Walking Group
5:30 pm VBS

Friday, July 20

Serve at Operation Inasmuch
10:00 am La Leche (infant)
7:00 pm SOS: Seekers of Sobriety (FH, K)

Saturday, July 21

No activities listed

Next Sunday, July 22

Food Drive

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 Youth Fellowship (FH)
4:30 pm Sunday Devotional

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

July 8, 2018

Budget Fund: \$5,023.90

Building Fund: \$515.00

July 8 Attendance

Early Service: 19

Sunday School: 31

Traditional Service: 81

Nursery (*during 11 am*): 4