

The Apostles' Creed and Why It Matters
I Believe In the Virgin Birth



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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

“A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.”

~ Proverbs 31:30

Prayer Priorities

- * An amazing outreach to our community through Vacation Bible School July 21-25.
- * A successful Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp.
- * For safe Youth summer camp July 29-August 3.
- * For a blessed Sunrise Service.
- * For successful outreach to Happy Feet soccer.

Personal Prayer Notes

Next Week's Sermon

March 24

**I Believe in the Church:
The Body of Christ**

Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

George Salyer

Music

The Angelics

The Record of Our Faithfulness

March 10, 2024

Budget Fund: \$3,552.00

Building/Roof Fund: \$562.00

March 10, 2024

Early Service: 20

Sunday School: 23

Traditional Service: 58

Online Viewing (both services): 32

Nursery at 11:00: 0

Church Staff:

Pastor

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

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

8:45 Worship Experience

Prelude

***Welcome & Passing of the Peace**

Mary Groening

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #1 (p. 9)

“Just a Closer Walk”

Hymn #2 (p. 10)

“Jesus Loves Me”

Offering & Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 1:18-25 (NT)

Luke 1:26-38 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

I Believe In the Virgin Birth

***Affirmation of Faith** (p. 8)

***Departing Song #3** (p. 11)

“Blessed Assurance”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Sermon Notes

May We Pray for You?

The Pastor and the MacPherson Prayer Group 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. *You may also send a confidential email to Rene with this information, if you are not attending service in-person.*

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

11:00 Worship Experience

Prelude

***Welcome**

Mary Groening

Invocation

Call to Worship

Elizabeth Hart

(Psalm 111:1, 7-10/ *Unison*)

“Hallelujah! We will praise the Lord! We will give thanks to the Lord with all our heart, in the company of the upright and in this assembly. (...) The works of God’s hands are truth and justice. All His precepts are sure. They are upheld forever and ever. They are performed in truth and uprightness. He has sent redemption to His people. He has ordained His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name. Reverence for the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever!”

***Hymn #1** (p. 9)

“Just a Closer Walk”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Sovereign Lord and Savior,

ALL: We confess our sin to You, almighty God. We are stubborn and willfully strive against You daily. Through

our gossiping and back-biting we sow seeds of division and confusion. Forgive us, compassionate Lord. Help us, Holy Spirit, to be Your faithful ministers of reconciliation and unity. Help us to walk more faithfully with You each day, gracious Lord, through Jesus our Savior, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

“That's Impossible!”

Offering of Substance & Life

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

***Hymn #2** *(p. 10)*

“Jesus Loves Me”

Scripture Lessons

Megan Shoff

Matthew 1:18-25 *(NT)*

Luke 1:26-38 *(NT)*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

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Lifetime Membership Award

Tricia DeMann

Special Music

“Blessed Assurance”

Korean Ladies Chorale

***Affirmation of Faith** *(p. 8)*

***Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Affirmation of Faith

From “The Nicene Creed ” (1.2)

For us and for our salvation [Jesus] came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.



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#1 Just A Closer Walk

1. I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Chorus

Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be

2. Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee *Chorus*

3. When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore *Chorus*

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#2 Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me
This I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong

Chorus

Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so

2. Jesus loves me
He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child come in *Chorus*

3. Jesus loves me He will stay
Close beside me all the way
On the cross You died for me
I will ever live for Thee *Chorus*

Anna Bartlett Warner, Philip Percival, William Batchelder Bradbury
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#3 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*

Fanny Jane Crosby, Phoebe Palmer Knapp

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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: _____

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- The Building Fund
- Tunnel to Towers

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 17

Women's 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 Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 1:00 pm Youth to Movie—**BUS RESERVED**
- 5:00 pm Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp Information Meeting (FH)

Monday, March 18

- 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 19

- 8:00 am-4:00 pm Classical Conversation Homeschoolers
- 5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#122, #124)
- 5:30 pm GS Troop 886 (FH/K/233A, 224)
- 6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

Wednesday, March 20

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- 9:00 am ESL Tutoring (#233A)
- 4:30 pm McCrafters (FH)
- 5:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)
- 6:00 pm Express Meal & Gate Beautiful Program (FH/K)
- 7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, March 21

- 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 22

- 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 23

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

Next Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday; Monthly Food Drive

- 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 Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 1:00 pm Youth Fellowship

∞ This Week at MacPherson ∞

▶ **If you'd like to sing** in the Chancel Choir on Easter Sunday, March 31, please come to rehearsal today in the choir room after the 11:00 service.



There will be another rehearsal next Sunday, same time.

▶ **The Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp Informational Meeting** is this afternoon at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come 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?*

▶ **The March Express Meal and Program** is this Wednesday, March 20. Menu for the meal will be corned beef, potatoes, and carrots. RSVP to Rene by Tuesday at noon if you'd like to take part in the meal but are not on the permanent reservation list. The program that evening is a presentation by Gate Beautiful, one of the only organizations in the Cumberland County area specializing in direct services to Human Trafficking survivors. The E & M Team is considering support for this ministry and hopes many of you will come to hear about the work of Gate Beautiful. A biography of our speaker is available in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall.

▶ **Can you help with desserts** for this Wednesday's Express Meal? If you're willing to bake or bring, please let the office or David Hesnard know!

▶ **Love to sew?** Come out on Monday, March 25 and--if needed--Wednesday, March 27 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. They'll be working on simple table toppers for the Fellowship Hall. If you can help out, bring your sewing machine, scissors, and notions. Questions? Contact Mary Groening!

Keep In Prayer

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