

# 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**

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**Prelude**

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

**Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise**

**Insert #1** “This Is the Day” (p. 8)

**Insert #2** “You Are My All in All” (p. 10)

**Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Lessons**    Habakkuk 2:18-20, p. 873 (OT)  
                                      Luke 17: 11-19, p. 80 (NT)

**Message**                                “The Reverence of Faith”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**\*Departing Song #138**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## *Sermon Notes*

What are some reasons to be silent before the Lord?

What is it that enabled the Samaritan to be healed, not only physically but spiritually?

How are we healed spiritually?

*Next Week's Sermon*

**The Generosity of Faith**

Malachi 3:18-12; Luke 8:1-3

# Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am

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## Prelude

### Lighting of the Candles

*Daniel Reid, acolyte*

### \*Welcome/Passing of the Peace

### Introit

“Footsteps of Jesus”

*-Asa Everett*

## Invocation

### Call to Worship

(John 14:23-26 / *Responsively*)

*One:* “If anyone loves Me,” Jesus declares, “they will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to that person, and make Our abode with them.”

**MANY:** The one who does not love Me does not keep My words; the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

*One:* These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.

**MANY:** The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

### \*Hymn Insert #1 (p. 8)

“This Is the Day”

## Affirmation of Faith

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

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

*One:* Eternal and compassionate God,

**MANY:** You are our judge and redeemer and we confess that we have tried to hide from You, because we have sinned against You. We have lived for ourselves and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Jesus Christ You call us to be people of compassion, gratitude, service, and humility. Yet, we live without compassion. We are selfish and prone to arrogance. We confess these sins to You, merciful God. In Your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

*Assurance of Pardon*

### **Special Music from VBS**

*Please join the children in singing the final song*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

*(words on page 9)*

### **Children's Message**

*Reverence*

**Scripture Lesson** Habakkuk 2: 18-20, p. 873 (OT)

### **Offering of Substance & Life**



# Insert #1: This Is The Day

*(Sing Twice)*

This is the day  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made  
That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice  
We will rejoice  
And be glad in it  
And be glad in it  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day  
This is the day  
That the Lord hath made

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## ***This Is the Day* — CCLI Song # 32754**

Les Garrett

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## **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) — CCLI Song # 4768151**

Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio

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## **Special Music:**

### **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

#### **Chorus**

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine/Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## **Insert #2: You Are My All In All**

1. You are my strength  
When I am weak  
You are the treasure  
That I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

### **Chorus**

Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name

2. Taking my sin  
My cross my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

### **Chorus**

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***You Are My All In All — CCLI Song # 825356***

Dennis Jernigan

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## **Be In the Know! —Week of 7/22/18**

► **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.

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

► **Don't miss the invitation** to Karaoke & Ice Cream below! Though CCT is providing the ice cream, they would love to have some donations of homemade ice cream. If you are willing to provide a freezer of homemade ice cream, please contact Dory or call the office!

## **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!!!!**

*Wednesday Fellowship Supper for Summer*



BYOB Bible Study (Bring Your Own Bag) begins at 6:30 pm.  
Activities for Kids, Too!  
NO Reservations Necessary!

*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.

*If you missed this article the past few weeks,  
here it is in its entirety!*

## **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.

### **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.

### **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."

# Weekly Calendar

## 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

## Monday, July 23

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

## Tuesday, July 24

6:30 pm Bible 101 (@Goodrum Home)

## Wednesday, July 25

1:30 pm Devotions at Carillon  
4:00 pm Knitwits  
5:45 pm Prayer Meeting (S)  
6:30 pm BYOB  
7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

## Thursday, July 26

8:00 am Prayer Walking Group  
10:30 am La Leche (Toddler)

## Friday, July 27

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

## Saturday, July 28

*No activities listed*

## Next Sunday, July 29

### **FAPS Christmas in July**

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 15, 2018

Budget Fund: \$4,465.00

Building Fund: \$830.00

#### July 15 Attendance

Early Service: 31

Sunday School: 25

Traditional Service: 83

Nursery (*during 11 am*): 2