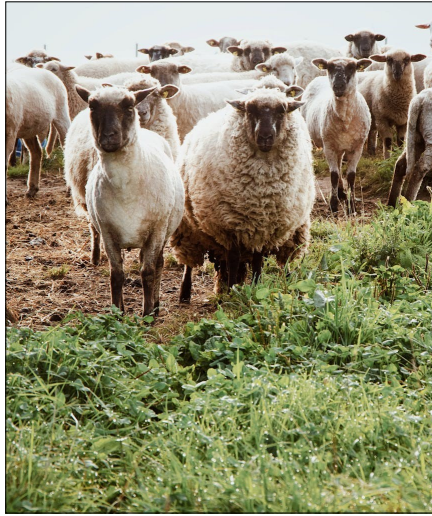


The Apostles' Creed and Why It Matters
I Believe in the Church:
The Body of Christ



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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

“Shepherd the church of God which He [Jesus] purchased with His own blood.” ~ ~ Acts 20:28

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

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

George Salyer

Music

Mary Groening, Mary Mac McLean

The Record of Our Faithfulness

March 17, 2024

Budget Fund: \$ N/A

Building/Roof Fund: \$ N/A

March 17, 2024

Early Service: 23

Sunday School: N/A

Traditional Service: 70

Online Viewing (both services): 74

Nursery at 11:00: 4

Next Week's Sermons

Maundy Thursday

Jesus Suffered for Us

Matthew 27:27-32; Mark 14:65,
15:16-21

Sunrise Worship, Easter

Jesus Rose from the Dead

Luke 24:1-12

8:45 & 11:00 Worship, Easter

Jesus Will Judge

John 5:20-24; Acts 10:42;

2 Timothy 4:1

8:45 Worship Experience

Prelude

***Welcome & Passing of the Peace**

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #417 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Hymn #420 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Offering & Prayer

Scripture Lessons Ephesians 1:22-23 (NT)
1 Peter 2:4-10 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

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

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

***Departing Song #442**
“The Church’s One Foundation”

***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

Invocation

Call to Worship (Revelation 2:8-11 / *Responsively*)

One: And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

MANY: I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

One: Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days.

MANY: Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

ALL: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

***Hymn #417** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful Lord and Savior,

ALL: Please forgive us for our sin; not in part but the whole of our sin. We know when we have opportunity to share Jesus with others and fail to do so, we sin. We know when each day we must live for You and choose to live for ourselves, we sin. Please forgive us. Help us gracious Lord to work for the building up of the Body of Christ. Strengthen us Holy Spirit so we may serve You more faithfully through Jesus our Lord, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

“What Is the Church?”

With Bringing in the Palms

Offering of Substance & Life

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

***Hymn #420** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Scripture Lessons

Ephesians 1:22-23 *(NT)*

1 Peter 2:4-10 *(NT)*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

I Believe in the Church: The Body of Christ

Sacrament of Baptism

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

***Hymn #442**

“The Church's One Foundation”

***Benediction & Postlude**

Affirmation of Faith

From “The Second Helvetic Confession” (5.130)

This holy Church of God is called the temple of the living God, built of living and spiritual stones and founded upon a firm rock, upon a foundation which no other can lay, and therefore it is called “the pillar and bulwark of the truth” (I Tim. 3:15). . . . It does not err as long as it rests upon the rock Christ, and upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles. And it is no wonder if it errs, as often as it deserts him who alone is the truth. . . . This Church is also called a virgin and the Bride of Christ, and even the only Beloved. For the apostle says: “I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to Christ” (II Cor. 11:2). . . . The Church is called a flock of sheep under the one shepherd, Christ, according to [Ezekiel, chapter] 34, and John, [chapter] 10. . . . It is also called the body of Christ because the faithful are living members of Christ under Christ the Head.



*The Flowers In Worship Are Given
To the Glory of God
And In Thankfulness for
The Many Blessings in the
Lives of Our Family Members
Who Celebrate March Birthdays*



Resurrection Missions 2024

Donations are being accepted through TODAY. 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

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Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, March 25

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH)
9:00 am Table Topper Sewing Gathering
6:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228, #233A)
7:00 pm BSA Troop 771 (FH)

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

9:00 am ESL Tutoring (#233A)
4:30 pm McCrafters (FH)
6:00 pm BYOB & Bible Study (FH/K)
7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

9:00-3:00 Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (S)

Friday, March 29

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

Saturday, March 30

11:00 am-6:00 pm FH Reserved Pastor

Next Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

6:00 am Sunrise Service at the Firepit
7:00 am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall—All Welcome!
8:45 am Early Service
9:30 am Fellowship Breakfast—All Welcome!
10:00 am Sunday School (Various Rooms)
11:00 am Traditional Service

Next Monday, April 1

Office Closed for Easter Monday Holiday

≈ 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.

► **Love to sew?** Come out tomorrow at 9:00 am to work on some table toppers for the Fellowship Hall. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your sewing machine, scissors, and notions. Questions? Contact Mary Groening.

► **The Maundy Thursday service** will take place at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary this Thursday, March 28.

► **Easter Sunday services** will begin at 6:00 am with a Sunrise Service at the Firepit. The MacPherson Men will provide a delicious breakfast for all afterwards. The morning continues with a regular schedule of services at 8:45 and 11:00, with Sunday School and a light breakfast in between the two services. Who do YOU need to invite to celebrate the Risen Christ at MacPherson this Easter?

► **Yard Sale donations** are now being accepted. Please call the office to arrange a time for drop-off or for a time to meet the Pastor so he can assist with your drop-off! Questions? Call the office! Please also call the office if you have large items to donate that will require pick-up so we can begin to schedule those pick-ups!

YOUTH YARD



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MacPherson Presbyterian Church
6 am - 12 pm
Saturday April 6, 2024

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