

# 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**

**#302** “I Danced in the Morning”

**#396** “O for a Closer Walk with God”

**Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Lessons**

Obadiah 1-9, p. 858 (OT)

James 4:1-10, p. 230 (NT)

**Message**

“Deceived by the World”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**\*Departing Song #361** (v. 1-4)

“How Firm a Foundation”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## *Sermon Notes*

What are some reasons that friendship with the world  
will make us enemies of God?

What are some of the consequences of arrogance?

What are the blessings of humility?

### *Next Week's Sermon*

#### **The Conviction of Faith**

Numbers 13:25-33; Hebrews 11:32-40

# Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am

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## Prelude

**Lighting of the Candles**     *Hannah Chadwell, acolyte*

## \*Welcome/Passing of the Peace

**Introit**                                 “Gentle Shepherd”  
   -Bill & Gloria Gaither

## Invocation

### Call to Worship

(Proverbs 16:18-19; 29:23; 22:4/ *Responsively*)

*One:* Pride goes before destruction; and a haughty spirit before stumbling.

**Many:** It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

*One:* A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.

**ALL:** The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor.

**\*Hymn No. 302**                         “I Danced in the Morning”

### Affirmation of Faith

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

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

*One:* Loving and merciful God,

**MANY:** We confess to You that we do not always love others as You love us. We try to live with one foot in Your kingdom and the other in this world. Our lives are given over to vain pursuits and false promises from the ruler of this world. We continuously sin against You, heavenly Father. We need You, Holy Spirit, to help us to overcome the temptations of this world so that we may live for You, almighty God, through Jesus our Savior, amen.

*Assurance of Pardon*

### **Children's Message**

*Living for Jesus*

### **Anthem**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*-Hankey / arr. Joel Raney*

### **Scripture Lesson**

Obadiah 1-9, p. 858 (OT)

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

"A Little Song"

*-Roy E. Nolte*

### **\*Doxology & Prayer**

### **\*Hymn No. 396**

"O for a Closer Walk with God"

**Scripture Lesson**

James 4:1-10, p. 230 (NT)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

“Deceived by the World”

**\*Hymn No. 361** (v. 1-4) “How Firm a Foundation”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

“Send the Light”  
-Charles Gabriel

**\*Postlude**



*The Flowers in the Sanctuary Are Given  
To the Glory of God and  
In Honor of Vicki & Scott Cummings  
For Their 40th Wedding Anniversary  
On June 25*





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.



## **Be In the Know! —Week of 6/24/18**

▶ **The Trustees would like** to make sure all congregation members are aware of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's proposed widening of Cliffdale Road between Morganton and MacPherson Church Roads and the possible impact on church property. This construction would take place in 2024. Please check your July newsletter for more details.

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

▶ **The Congregational Care Team** is in the process of forming the Wednesday Night cooking teams for fall/spring 2018-2019. We are in need of cooking teams for the 1st and 2nd Wednesday nights of each month. If cooking every month doesn't fit your schedule, maybe you'd be willing to be paired with another cooking team and cook every other month on one of those Wednesdays. Contact Janice Moore (527-1445) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

▶ **If you are still working on your square**, remember that the deadline is July 4!

## *Keep In Prayer*

Please see Sunday Bulletin in service  
for complete prayer list!

### *Wednesday Fellowship Supper for Summer*



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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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, June 24

### **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)  
12:00 pm Caring Team  
4:30 pm Sunday Devotional (P)  
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)

## Monday, June 25

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

## Tuesday, June 26

6:30 pm Bible 101 (@Goodrum Home)

## Wednesday, June 27

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, June 28

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

## Friday, June 29

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

## Saturday, June 30

*No activities listed*

## Next Sunday, July 1

### **Communion**

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 Sunday Devotional (P)  
4:30 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)  
4:30 pm Young Disciples

### 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 17, 2018

Budget Fund: \$3,264.03

Building Fund: \$255.00

#### June 17 Attendance

Early Service: NA

Sunday School: 30

Traditional Service: NA

Nursery (*during 11 am*): NA