

Who Is God/Who Am I?

2019 Small Groups
Winter-Spring Session
MacPherson Presbyterian Church

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We have studied and learned many different things as we participated in our Sunday School and weekly Bible studies. Each time we acquire a new insight, a new practice, and hopefully a growing thirst for God's Word. As we move into the new year, we will offer three new adult studies for Sunday School: *The Four Wills of God*, *Who Is God?*, and *I Am a Presbyterian*. Each of these new studies will deepen our understanding of God and how we serve and worship Him in our church.

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything to stand firm. Stand firm, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

~ ~ Ephesians 6:13-17

Let us sharpen our sword of the Spirit as we continue to study His Word!

~Scott Grumelot
Christian Education Team Chair

New Small Group Studies

The Four Wills of God

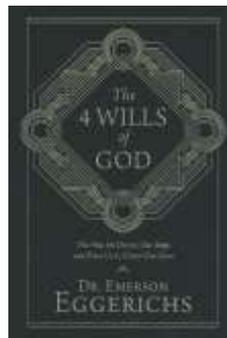
Time: 10:00-10:45 am, Sunday Mornings

Location: Room 228

Leader: David Hesnard

Start Date: January 6

The Four Wills of God, by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, is a book study for all adults who are seeking to do the will of God. The study explores the way He directs our steps and frees us to direct our own. To do His will, we must know His will. Join this class for this important book study, led by David Hesnard. The class will last 8-16 weeks.



Who Is God?

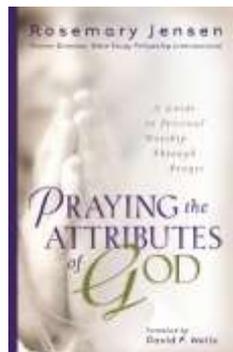
Time: 10:00-10:45 am, Sunday Mornings

Location: Room 224

Leader: Tommy Dent

Start Date: January 6

Who is God? We worship Him every week. We celebrate the birth of Jesus. We pray to Him daily. We hear people talk about God often—even nonbelievers invoke His name. But who is He? What is He like? How do we tell our children, grandchildren, friends, and strangers about the one true God?



The Christian Education Team invites you to join a new Sunday School class based on the book *Praying the Attributes of God* by Rosemary Jensen. The class will explore different characteristics of God each week. Using Scripture and prayer, class members will “be filled with the love of God and the knowledge of His fullness.” Please let Scott Grumelot know if you are interested in joining this class so he can order a book for you.

New Small Group Studies

I Am a Presbyterian

Time: 10:00-10:45 am, Sunday Mornings

Location: Room 233A

Leader: Pastor Jim

→Start Date: February 3

This class is designed to provide an overview of what it means to be a Presbyterian. This class will run from the first Sunday in February through the last Sunday of December and it will be in three parts.

The first part will center on the Book of Confessions. During this portion of the class we will look at each of the confessions, creeds, and catechisms within their historical context. This will help each participant to grow in understanding of what it means to be of the Reformed Tradition specifically within the Presbyterian context.

The second part of this class will tackle some of the major theological distinctives of the Presbyterian tradition. Among these distinctives are the sovereignty of God versus the free will of humanity, election, predestination, and baptism.

The third portion of this class will be a look at Presbyterian polity. In so doing we will seek to develop an understanding of our Book of Order and its four component parts. As an aid to understanding our parliamentary proceedings we will have a brief look at Robert's Rules of Order for parliamentary proceedings.

Each portion of this class will examine the various topics through the lens of Scripture and various Reformed theologians. A word of caution, however, is in order: The participants must understand that we are first and foremost disciples of Jesus and Presbyterians second.

Ongoing Groups

Bible 101 Group

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm, Every Tuesday

Location: Home of Brad & Nancy Goodrum, 1524 Brookside Avenue

The group meets weekly to read portions of the Bible and then discuss lessons to be learned. Bible 101 is designed for adults who are new to Bible study. Anyone willing to hear God speaking to them through the words and stories in the Bible is welcome. Lessons are applied to daily life. Participants may come as their schedule allows; every week is a different lesson. There are suggested readings but no homework. Find us on the church Facebook page for weekly updates.

Leaders: Brad & Nancy Goodrum

Sunday Morning Covenant/Joy Class

10:00-10:45 am in The Parlor (Room 110)

Curriculum: David C. Cook Comprehensive Bible Study

Current Study: See below

December's theme is "God Is Worthy of Our Love." January's theme will be "Loving God by Trusting Christ." February will be "Songs that Glorify the God of Love." Next quarter will move into a study of Discipleship and Mission. Specifically, March will cover "What It Means to Be Called by Jesus as a Disciple." April will look at "Exercising a Disciple's Call to Ministry." May will consider "Paul's Affirmation of the Call to Discipleship for Everyone."

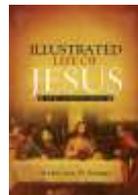
Leaders: Judy Norris, Mary Mac McLean, Barbara Chapman-Nellis

Monday Morning Bible Study Group

10:00-11:00 am in the Parlor (Room 110)

Leader: Judy Norris

Using *The Illustrated Life of Jesus* and all four gospels, the group will continue to follow the life of Jesus in chronological order. New class members are always welcome!



Sunday Morning Korean Bible Study

10:00-10:45 am in Room 220

Curriculum: The Present Word (Korean Version)

Current Study: Ezekiel

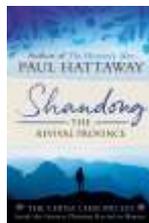
When the things we rely on are collapsed, and the meaning and the motivation of life are dissolved into the thin air, we are to be frustrated and suffer in despair. It is *the* context in which Ezekiel, though he was a priest, was called as prophet. The Book of Ezekiel will provide participants with a new chance to grasp the faithfulness of God from failure of life.

Leader: Kyong Reid

Sunday Afternoon Book Study

4:30 pm in the Parlor (Room 110)

The Sunday evening devotion group meets at 4:30 pm in the parlor, every Sunday except the second Sunday. This particular study uses books from different genres and examines them in conversation with various passages of Scripture in an effort to see how God is working and speaking to us through literature. Beginning on January 20th we will begin a new book by Paul Hattaway: *Shandong: The Revival Province*. This is the first book in a series titled *The China Chronicles: Inside the Greatest Christian Revival in History*. In our study of Shandong we will delve into questions pertaining to faith growth and development in the face of persecution while at the same time asking, "How can the lessons learned from this study be applied into our lives today?"



Leader: Pastor Jim Randall

Monday/Wednesday Night Bible Study

Monday @ 7:00 pm in Room 205

Wednesday @ 6:45 pm in Fellowship Hall (after supper)

Curriculum: Study Booklets by Pastor Jim

This year we begin with an examination into the book of Revelation. Many people struggle to understand this very important book, in general and within its Biblical context. During this study we will separate Biblical truth from urban legend and myth as we seek to grow in understanding of God's truth.

Leader: Pastor Jim Randall

Monday Morning Prayer Group

7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Every Monday at 7:00 am several people gather to pray for the ministries of MacPherson Church. The format is very informal as we gather in the fellowship hall and enjoy coffee and occasional light refreshments. We always begin with a short devotion to help focus our prayers for the day. Everyone is invited to come and join in fellowship and prayer.

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Wednesday @ 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary

For more than five years, members of the congregation have gathered in the Sanctuary every Wednesday evening to pray for our church. The prayers include praise, thanks for God's blessings and guidance, and specific requests concerning our church staff, our elders and teams, missions, and upcoming church activities. Anyone is welcome to join this group any Wednesday from 5:45 – 6:15 pm. Come and see how God answers prayer!

Thursday Morning Prayer Walking Group

Thursday @ 9:00 am

Purpose: We gather each Thursday morning to pray, walk, and discuss ways we as a church are called to invite our neighbors and surrounding community to share in life together.

Children's Groups

10:00 am Children's Sunday School

Pre-K to 1st Grade

Room 122

Teacher: Ruth Dees, Betty Jo Dent, Nancy Goodrum

Grades 2-5

Faithweaver Now—A 3-year Journey Through the Bible

Room 227

Teachers: Cristy Grady, Dennis Reid

Grades 6-12 (Youth Class)—Stories of the Bible

Room 204

Teacher: Scott Grumelot

Wednesday Evening: Children's Crafts & Bible Study

Room 227

Teacher: Judy Norris

Summary of Groups

Sunday Morning

- *The Four Wills of God* (10 am, Room 228)
- Covenant/Joy Class (10 am/The Parlor, Room 110)
- Korean Bible Study (10 am/Room 220)
- *Who Is God?* (10 am/Room 224)
- *I Am a Presbyterian* (10 am/Room 233A)—STARTS FEBRUARY 3
- Children's Sunday School (10 am/Various Rooms)

Sunday Afternoon

- Sunday Night Book Study (4:30 pm/Parlor, Room 110)

Monday Morning

- Monday Morning Prayer Group (7:00 am/Fellowship Hall)
- Monday Morning Bible Study (10:00 am/Parlor, Room 110)

Monday Evening

- Monday Night Bible Study (7:00 pm/Room 205)

Tuesday Evening

- Bible 101 Group (6:30 pm/Goodrum Home)

Wednesday Evening

- Wednesday Evening Prayer Group (5:45 pm/Sanctuary)
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study (6:45 pm/Fellowship Hall)
- Children's Crafts & Bible Study (6:45 pm/Room 227)

Thursday Morning

- Thursday Morning Prayer Walking Group (9 am at the church)

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Sunday Morning Services @

8:45 & 11:00 am

Sunday School @ 10:00 am

Wednesday Night Activities @ 6 pm