

Overcoming Spiritual Famine



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.*

Weekly Prayer Focus

Memory Verse

“Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God.”—*Romans 12:1*

Prayer Priorities

- * Thanks for excellent youth retreat
- * Spiritual awakening at MacPherson Church
- * Safety for students and teachers returning to school
- * Homecoming: September 17
- * Congregation Meeting: September 24

Personal Prayer Notes

Next Week's Sermon

“Overcoming Worldliness”

Exodus 23:1-9; James 4:1-10

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

George Salyer

Music

The Angelics

The Record of Our Faithfulness

July 30, 2023

Budget Fund: \$3,911.00

Building/Roof Fund: \$530.00

July 30, 2023 Attendance

Early Service: 19

Sunday School: 30

Traditional Service: 60

Online Viewing (*both services*): NA

Nursery at 11:00: 0

Church Staff:

Pastor

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

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

8:45 Worship Experience

Prelude "I Can Only Imagine"

***Welcome**

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #1 (p. 7) "Here I Am, Lord"

Hymn #2 (p. 8) "Trust and Obey"

Offering & Prayer "Glorious Day"

Scripture Lessons Ezekiel 34:1-6 (OT)
John 6:41-51 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon *Overcoming Spiritual Famine*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

"Greater Still"

***Affirmation of Faith** (p. 6)

***Departing Song #3** (p. 9) "Be Thou My Vision"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

11:00 Worship Experience

Prelude

“I Can Only Imagine”

***Welcome**

Invocation

Call to Worship

(Psalm 150/*Unison*)

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with trumpet sound;

Praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn #1** (*p. 7*)

“Here I Am, Lord”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful Lord,

ALL: We ask for Your forgiveness. We are spiritually hungry, yet we seek spiritual food in unhealthy places. Help us, Holy Spirit, to feast on the Living Word, Jesus, so our spiritual hunger is satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Offering of Substance & Life "Glorious Day"

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

***Hymn #2** (p. 8) "Trust and Obey"

Scripture Lessons Ezekiel 34:1-6 (OT)
John 6:41-51 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon *Overcoming Spiritual Famine*

Sacrament of Holy Communion
"Greater Still"

***Affirmation of Faith** (p. 6)

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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived
by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



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#1 Here I Am, Lord

1. I the Lord of sea and sky/I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in deepest sin/My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?/Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am Lord,/Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord/If you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

3. I the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them/My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide/'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them/Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1990

#525. Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; Pope,Schutte, Weisrock, 1983

#2 Trust And Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord/
In the light of His word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

Chorus

Trust and obey/For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus/But to Trust and obey

2. Not a shadow can rise/Not a cloud in the skies
But His hand quickly drives it away
Not a doubt or a fear
Not a sigh or a tear
Can abide
While we trust and obey

3. But we never can prove/The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay
For the favor He shows
For the joy He bestows
Are for them
Who will trust and obey

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#3 Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision/O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me/Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought/By day or by night
Waking or sleeping/Thy presence my light
2. Be Thou my wisdom/Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee/And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father/I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling/And I with Thee one
3. Be Thou my shield/And my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity/Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter/And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'nward/O pow'r of my pow'r
4. Riches I heed not/Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance/Now and always
Thou and Thou only/Be first in my heart
High King of heaven/My treasure Thou art
5. High King of heaven/When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys/O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart/Whatever befall
Still be my vision/O Ruler of all

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❧❧ This Week at MacPherson ❧❧

► **Pastor's next Book & Bible Study** starts this Thursday night, August 10, with *Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien. This book will be followed by *The Gospel According to Tolkien* by Ralph Wood. Both books are available on Amazon. The study meets at 7:00 pm. Join the group in-person in Room #205 or via Zoom!

► **MacPherson is continuing its collection** of back-to-school supplies for children in foster care. Please bring your donations to the church by August 13 and leave them in the little red wagons in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, or with Rene in the office. Suggested items include: Backpacks, Binders, Calculators, Protractors, Composition Books, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Highlighters, Loose-leaf paper, Pencil Cases, Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Pens, Rulers, Spiral Notebooks, and Tissues.

► **The August Express Meal** is Wednesday, August 16. Menu is TBA. The program will be presented by Children's Hope Alliance, the foster care agency now using the building on Thursday mornings. MacPherson has long been a friend to Children's Hope Alliance, which was formed in 2014 with the merger of Barium Springs Home for Children and Grandfather Home for Children. Be sure to come out on August 16 to learn how our partnership with Children's Hope Alliance is growing and to get to know some of the dedicated staff. Put the date on your calendar, and make your reservation today if you plan to come for the meal.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 6

Communion

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 Youth Fellowship (FH/K)

Monday, August 7

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH)

5:30 pm Troop Meeting (FH/K)

Tuesday, August 8

6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

Wednesday, August 9

4:30 pm McCrafters (FH)

6:00 pm BYOB & Bible Study (FH/Zoom)

6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)

7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, August 10

9:00-3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)

6:00 pm Fireside Chat (YouTube)

6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)

7:00 pm Pastor's Book Study (#205/Zoom)

7:00 pm Eagle Board of Review (Various Rooms)

Friday, August 11

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6:00 pm Parlor Reserved Pastor (P)

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

Saturday, August 12

No activities scheduled

Next Sunday, August 13

Foster Care School Supply Drive Ends/Centsability Offering

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 Youth Fellowship

12:15 pm Session (#205)

Keep In Prayer

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