

“Gideon and His Ephod”



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

“Whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

~ ~1 John 5:4

Prayer Priorities

- * For God’s continued provision for MacPherson Church.
- * For all the adult and youth volunteers who are going to Cabell/Lincoln work camp.
- * For an exceedingly effective outreach to our community through Vacation Bible School.
- * For a safe Ark Encounter trip.

Personal Prayer Notes

Next Week’s Sermons

Samson: A Nazarite?

Judges 13:1-7; Judges 15:1-7

The Record of Our Faithfulness

April 27, 2025

Budget Fund: \$4,553.00

Building/Roof Fund: \$400.00

April 20, 2025

8:45 Worship: 27

Sunday School: 19

11:00 Worship: 64

Online Viewing (*both services*): 54

Nursery at 11:00: *no count taken*

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

George Salyer

Music

The Angelics

Church Staff

Pastor

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

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

8:45 Worship Experience

Announcements

Prelude

“God’s Not Dead”

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #1 (p. 7)

“Trust and Obey”

Hymn #2 (p. 8)

“Come Thou Fount”

Offering & Prayer

“I’ll Fly Away”

Scripture Lessons

Judges 6:1-7 (OT)

Judges 8:22-27 (OT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“Gideon and His Ephod”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

“Adoption Song”

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

Hymn #3 (p. 9)

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

11:00 Worship Experience

Prelude

“God’s Not Dead”

***Welcome**

Invocation

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-3 / *Unison*

“Let us lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.”

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

“Trust and Obey”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful Lord and Savior,

ALL: Forgive us for our sin. We refuse to live fully in the liberty Jesus bought for us with His life. We squander Your grace and fail to share it with those we meet each day. We do not fully comprehend the cost of the freedom we enjoy through Jesus. We cheapen Your grace each time we

neglect to live as You command us. Please forgive us, gracious Lord, through Jesus Christ, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

"Gideon"

Offering of Substance & Life

"I'll Fly Away"

***Doxology & Prayer**

Doxology can be found at 592 in hymnal

***Hymn #2 (p. 8)**

"Come Thou Fount"

Scripture Lessons

Judges 6:1-7 (OT)

Judges 8:22-27 (OT)

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer p. 16 in hymnal

Sermon

"Gideon and His Ephod"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

"Adoption Song"

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

***Hymn #3 (p. 9)**

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

***Benediction & Postlude**

Affirmation of Faith

From “*The Scots Confession*” (3.03)

By this transgression, generally known as original sin, the image of God was utterly defaced in man, and he and his children became by nature hostile to God, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin. And thus everlasting death has had, and shall have, power and dominion over all who have not been, are not, or shall not be re-born from above. This rebirth is wrought by the power of the Holy Ghost creating in the hearts of God’s chosen ones an assured faith in the promise of God revealed to us in his Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.



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#1 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 burden we bear/Not a sorrow we share
But our toil He doth richly repay
Not a grief nor a loss/Not a frown nor a cross
But is blessed if we trust and obey *Chorus*

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

4. Then in fellowship sweet/We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do/Where He sends we will go
Never fear only trust and obey *Chorus*

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#2 Come Thou Fount ...

1. Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace

Streams of mercy never ceasing

Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet

Sung by flaming tongues above

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it

Mount of Thy redeeming love

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer

Hither by Thy help I'm come

And I hope by Thy good pleasure

Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger

Wand'ring from the fold of God

He to rescue me from danger

Interposed His precious blood

3. O to grace how great a debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be

Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter

Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it

Prone to leave the God I love

Here's my heart Lord take and seal it

Seal it for Thy courts above

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#3 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

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 4

Communion

8:45 am Worship Experience
9:30 am Fellowship Breakfast (FH/K)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Experience
12:15 pm Youth Fellowship (FH/K)
12:30 pm Christian Ed (FH)

Monday, May 5

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH)
9:00 am CHA Staff (#109)
5:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228/#233A)
5:00 pm GS Troop 1885 (#227)
7:00 pm BSA Troop 771 (FH)

Tuesday, May 6

5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (FH/K)
5:30 pm GS Troop 886 (FH/K)
6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

Wednesday, May 7

Rene Out of Office

9:00 am ESL Tutoring (#233A)
4:00 pm APP (FH/K)
5:00 pm Finance (FH/K)
5:00 pm Prayer Meeting (P)
6:00 pm BYOB & Bible Study
7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)
7:00 pm Praise Band (S)

Thursday, May 8

Rene Out of Office

9:00 am-3:00 pm CHA Staff (#109)
10:00 am MacPherson Women (FH/K)

5:00 pm Youth Bible Study/Prayer (S)

6:00 pm Fireside Chat with Pastor Jim & David (YouTube)

6:00 pm E & M (#228)

7:00 pm LRP (#233A)

7:00 pm Eagle Board of Review (various rooms)

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

Friday, May 9

Rene Out of Office

9:00 am Sew Happy to Sow Love (FH/K)

10:00 am ESL Tutoring (#233A)

7:00 pm Praise Band (S)

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

Saturday, May 10

7:30 am MacPherson Men (FH/K)

11:00 am Saturday Morning Youth Bible Study & Prayer (S)

2:00 pm Recital (S)

Next Sunday, May 11

Centsability Offering Happy Mother's Day!

8:45 am Worship Experience

9:30 am Fellowship Breakfast (FH/K)

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Experience

🌀News to Note at MacPherson🌀

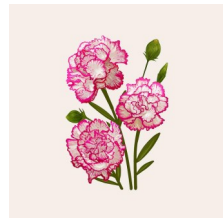
➤ **In May, Session will meet** on the third Sunday, May 18, to allow for celebration of Mother's Day on May 11.

➤ **MacPherson Men meet** on Saturday, May 10. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Rene by Tuesday. After that, please RSVP directly to David Hesnard.

➤ **Speaking of Mother's Day . . .**

Your Worship and Music Team has something special planned for all mothers, grandmothers, and spiritumothers that day! Be sure to be in worship on May 11 to celebrate!

And this is another great day to invite someone to worship with you!



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➤ **You know summer isn't that far away** when you start seeing reminders for the Mary McArthur Picnic and Youth Sunday. June 1 is the date, and it will be here in a flash! Mark your calendar today and plan to celebrate the Youth, the Mary McArthur Scholarship, and being part of the MacPherson Family!

Keep In Prayer

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