

Overcoming Worldliness



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

“Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord.”—*James 4:10*

Prayer Priorities

- * The Nominating Team
- * Homecoming: September 17
- * Congregation Meeting: September 24
- * Elder Training: October 20-21
- * Trunk or Treat: October 28

Personal Prayer Notes

Next Week's Sermon

“Overcoming Temptations”

Joshua 7:16-21; James 1:12-18

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

George Salyer

Music

Mary Groening, Mary Mac McLean

The Record of Our Faithfulness

August 6, 2023

Budget Fund: \$11,148.08

Building/Roof Fund: \$1,225.00

August 6, 2023 Attendance

Early Service: 23

Sunday School: 16

Traditional Service: 48

Online Viewing (*both services*): 48

Nursery at 11:00: 0

Church Staff:

Pastor

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

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

8:45 Worship Experience

Prelude

***Welcome**

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn #301 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Offering & Prayer

with Centsability Offering

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 23:1-9 (OT)

James 4:1-10 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Overcoming Worldliness

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

***Departing Song #527**

"Near to the Heart of God"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

11:00 Worship Experience

Prelude

*Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

(Psalm 39:4-5 & Proverbs 27:1, adapted/ *Unison*)

“Lord, make us to know our end, and what is the extent of our days; let us know how transient we are. Behold, Thou hast made our days as hand-breaths, and our lifetimes as nothing in Thy sight. Surely each of us at our best are a mere breath.” Therefore, we should “not boast about tomorrow, for we do not know what each day may bring forth.”

***Hymn #5** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Compassionate Lord and Savior,

All: Forgive us for our sin. Today we especially need Your divine pardon for we give-in to our temptations

too often. We know temptations arise from within us and because of our bad motives. Help us to overcome this world as You draw us to Your throne of mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Centsability Offering

Children's Message

Love God or Love the World?

Offering of Substance & Life

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

***Hymn #301**

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Affirmation of Faith

From “The Brief Statement of Faith” (11.3)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.



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Weekly Calendar

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)

Monday, August 14

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH)

5:30 pm Troop Meeting (FH/K)

Tuesday, August 15

RSVPs Due by Noon for Wednesday's Express Meal

Meal = Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Dessert

9:00 am-2:00 pm Classical Conversations Tutor Meeting (#205/TN)

12:00 pm National Federation for the Blind (FH/K)

5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#122, #124)

6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

7:00 pm Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 16

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE AT NOON

4:30 pm McCrafters (FH)

6:00 pm Express Meal with Presentation by

Children's Hope Alliance (FH)

6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)

7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, August 17

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)

Friday, August 18

9:00 am-2:00 pm Classical Conversations Family Orientation (FH)

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

Saturday, August 19

8:00 am Manse Yard Cleanup—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Next Sunday, August 20

Bus Reserved Youth—Service Project

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 Lunch, Youth Fellowship, Youth Service Project

Keep In Prayer

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