

***“The Time Is Near”***



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**March 12, 2023**

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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

Revelation 22:14--Jesus declares, "I am coming quickly, and My reward is with me."

## Prayer Priorities

- \* Cabell/Lincoln Workcamp
- \* More participation in Sunday School
- \* Establish daily prayer groups at MacPherson
- \* Improve and expand our online presence
- \* An effective mission discernment process

## Personal Prayer Notes

### ***Next Week's Sermon***

See God's Salvation  
*Exodus 14:13-18; Matthew 3:11-17*

### **The Record of Our Faithfulness**

**March 5, 2023**

Budget Fund: \$8,430.00

Building/Roof Fund: \$100.00

### **March 5, 2023 Attendance**

Early Service: 14

Sunday School: 35

Traditional Service: 70

Online Viewing (*both services*): 30

Nursery at 11:00: 0

### **Serving in Worship Today**

#### **Liturgist**

George Salyer

#### **Music**

Mary Groening, Mary Mac McLean

### **Church Staff**

#### ***Pastor***

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

#### ***Church Secretary***

René Bahrenfuss

## **8:45 Worship Experience**

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**Prelude**

**\*Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Centsability Offering**

**Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise**

**Hymn #288**      “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**Hymn #428**      “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

**Offering & Prayer**

**Scripture Lessons**

Exodus 13:17-22 (*OT*)

Revelation 22:10-21 (*NT*)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

*The Time Is Near*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*p. 8*)

**\*Departing Song Hymn #467**

“How Great Thou Art”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Sermon Notes*

# 11:00 Worship Experience

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## **Prelude**

## **\*Welcome & Announcements**

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

## **Call to Worship** (Zephaniah 2:1-3 / *Unison*)

Gather yourselves together, yes, gather, O nation without shame, Before the decree takes effect—The day passes like the chaff—Before the burning anger of the Lord comes upon you, Before the day of the Lord’s anger comes upon you. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth who have carried out His ordinances; seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of the Lord’s anger.

## **\*Hymn #288** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

## **Prayer of Confession**

## **Call to Confession**

## **Congregation Prayer of Confession**

*One:* Faithful Redeemer,

**ALL:** Hear our prayer this morning as we cast all our sin onto You, Jesus. Help us, Holy Spirit, to cast our sins of selfishness and pride onto You. Help us, gracious God, to cast onto Jesus our sin’s rebellion and unbelief. Holy Spirit, help us to learn to live guided by You each day, through Jesus, amen.

*Assurance of Pardon*

**Children's Message**

*Keeping Time*

**Centsability Offering**

**Offering of Substance & Life**

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

**\*Hymn #428** "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

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**\*Affirmation of Faith** (p. 8)

**\*Closing Hymn #467** "How Great Thou Art"

**\* Benediction** (*Unison*)

Jesus is coming to earth again,  
What if it were today?  
Coming in power and love to reign,  
What if it were today?  
Coming to claim His chosen bride,  
All the redeemed and purified,  
Over this whole earth scattered wide,  
What if it were today?

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Satan's dominion will soon be o'er,  
O, that it were today!  
Sorrow and sighing shall be no more,  
O, that it were today!  
Then shall the dead in Christ arise,  
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,  
When shall these glories meet our eyes?  
What if it were today?

Faithful and true would He find us here,  
If He should come today?  
Watching in gladness and not in fear,  
If He should come today?  
Signs of His coming multiply,  
Morning light breaks in eastern sky,  
Watch, for the time is drawing nigh,  
What if it were today?

## **\* Postlude**

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*Today's Benediction is taken from the hymn "What If It Were Today?"  
by Leila N. Morris, written in 1912.*

# Affirmation of Faith

From *The Confession of 1967* (9.27)

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.



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## *Serving His Church*

### *TODAY*

### *Next Sunday*

<i>Head Usher:</i>	Mary Groening	Jose Cardona
<i>Elders Greeting:</i>	Jim Wanovich & Megan Ray	Same
<i>Elders on Call:</i>	Jose Cardona	Scott Cummings
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Leo	Willow



## Join the VBS Hero Crew!



Decorations  
Crafts  
Cooking Team  
Drama  
Music  
Games

Contact Dennis Reed  
or Bill Groening for  
additional information  
about the different work  
areas or to volunteer!



### *This Week's Announcements*

► **The next Express Meal & Mission** Discernment Session is Wednesday, March 15. *Menu:* Traditional corned beef and cabbage. You **MUST** RSVP with Rene in the office to get a meal! Be sure to RSVP by Tuesday at noon.

► **Pastor's next Thursday** night book study starts on March 16. The next book is *Through Gates of Splendor* by Elisabeth Elliot. Get a copy from your favorite bookseller today and plan to join in. The group will meet in-person and on ZOOM.

► **Interested in the Cabell-Lincoln** Workcamp this June? Come to the information/organizational meeting on March 19 after the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall.

## *Resurrection Missions 2023*

Donations are being accepted through Sunday, April 2.  
Dedications will be published in a special section of the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

**I would like to make a \$10 donation  in honor or  in memory of**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my contribution to go to

- The Building Fund
- Falcon Children's Home

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, March 12

### **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, March 13

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting  
4:00 - 6:00 pm Terry Sandford LAX Team (Soccer Field)  
6:30 pm Troop Meeting

## Tuesday, March 14

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Classical Conversations Homeschoolers (*Various Rooms*)  
4:00 - 6:00 pm Terry Sandford LAX Team (Soccer Field)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (FH, #220, #221, #224, #227, #233A)  
6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)  
6:30 pm Circle 4  
7:00 pm Troop Committee Meeting (P)

## Wednesday, March 15

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

4:00 - 6:00 pm Terry Sandford LAX Team (Soccer Field)  
4:30 pm Knitwits (FH)  
6:00 pm Express Meal & Mission Discernment (FH/K/Zoom)  
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  
7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

## Thursday, March 16

*Rene off at 11:30 am*

9:00-3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  
4:00 - 6:00 pm Terry Sandford LAX Team (Soccer Field)  
6:00 pm Fireside Chat (YouTube)  
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  
7:00 pm Pastor's Book Study (#205/Zoom)

## Friday, March 17

*Rene out of office/Youth to Winter Jam-BUS RESERVED*

7:00 am OIAM Breakfast Support  
7:00 pm SOS: Seekers of Sobriety (FH/K)

## Saturday, March 18

7:30 am MacPherson Men (FH/K)  
8:00 am - Noon Happy Feet Soccer (Field)  
10:00 am-6:00 pm FH Reserved

## Next Sunday, March 19

### **Girl Scout Sunday**

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 Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp Information Meeting

**Keep In Prayer**

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