

# *“Samson: A Nazarite?”*



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**May 11, 2025**

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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

“God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.”

~ ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:7

## 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

#### **After the Lord’s Heart**

1 Samuel 13:8-14; 1 Samuel 16:1-13

### The Record of Our Faithfulness

#### May 4, 2025

Budget Fund: \$9,892.32

Building/Roof Fund: \$530.00

#### May 4, 2025

8:45 Worship: 32

Sunday School: 36

11:00 Worship: 55

Online Viewing (both services): 48

Nursery at 11:00: 2

### 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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**Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Passing of the Peace**

**Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise**

**Hymn #343** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

**Hymn #469** “Morning Has Broken”

**Offering & Prayer**

**with Centsability Offering**

**Scripture Lessons**

Judges 13:1-7 (*OT*)

Judges 15:1-7 (*OT*)

**Special Music**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

“Samson: A Nazarite?”

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

**Hymn #383**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

# 11:00 Worship Experience

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## Prelude

## \*Welcome

## Invocation

## Call to Worship

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 / *Responsively*

*One:* Guard your steps as you go to the house of God, and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil.

**MANY:** Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.

*One:* For the dream comes through much effort, and the voice of a fool through many words.

**MANY:** When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

*One:* Do not let your speech cause you to sin and do not say in the presence of the messenger of God that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

**ALL:** For in many dreams and in many words there is emptiness. Rather, revere God.

**\*Hymn #343** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

## Prayer of Confession

## Call to Confession

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Congregation Prayer of Confession**

*One:* Gracious God,

**ALL:** Forgive us for our inappropriate speech and frivolous use of language. We often jest and poke fun at others not meaning to harm them—but causing harm nonetheless. We pray that You will pardon us for all of our foolish and careless talk. Help us Holy Spirit to be more like Jesus in all that we do. Grant to us, heavenly Father, Your peace and pardon, in Jesus' name, amen.

*Assurance of Pardon*

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Centsability Offering**

### **Children's Message**

“Nazarites”

### **Offering of Substance & Life**

### **\*Doxology & Prayer**

*Doxology can be found at 592 in hymnal*

### **\*Hymn #469**

“Morning Has Broken”

### **Scripture Lessons**

Judges 13:1-7 (OT)

Judges 15:1-7 (OT)

### **Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer** *Lord's Prayer p. 16 in hymnal*

### **Sermon**

“Samson: A Nazarite?”

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

### **\*Hymn #383**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

### **\*Benediction & Postlude**

## Affirmation of Faith

From “*The Westminster Confession of Faith*” (6.043)

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of his Church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom he did, from all eternity, give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.



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## **Weekly Calendar**

### **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

### **Monday, May 12**

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 13**

5:30 pm GS Troop 888 Bridging  
Ceremony & Party (FH/K)

5:30 pm GS Troop 886 (FH/K)

6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

### **Wednesday, May 14**

9:00 am ESL Tutoring (#233A)

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 15**

9:00 am-3:00 pm CHA Staff  
(#109)

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

6:00 pm Fireside Chat with Pas-  
tor Jim & David (YouTube)

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

### **Friday, May 16**

7:00 am OIAM Breakfast Sup-  
port

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

10:00 am ESL Tutoring  
(#233A)

5:00 pm Bible 401 (P)

7:00 pm Praise Band (S)

7:00 pm SOS: Seekers of Sobrie-  
ty (FH/K)

### **Saturday, May 17**

11:00 am Saturday Morning

Youth Bible Study & Prayer (S)

### **Next Sunday, May 18**

#### **Pentecost—Wear Red Today!**

8:45 am Worship Experience

9:30 am Fellowship Breakfast  
(FH/K)

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Experience

12:15 Youth Fellowship with  
Prayer (FH/K)

#### **12:15 pm Session (#205)**

3:00 pm Recital (S)

☒ Weds., May 21 is the an-  
nual Dessert Auction—and  
few have called the office to  
volunteer to bring a baked  
good to the auction. Please  
call the office by this Tues. at  
noon if you plan to contribute  
a baked good! Also, reserva-  
tions for the Express Meal  
that night are also due by  
noon on Tuesday. See your  
newsletter/email for menu!

**Keep In Prayer**

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