

Overcoming Temptations



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

“The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation.”—2 Peter 2:9

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 Indolence”

Proverbs 24:30-34; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

George Salyer

Music

The Angelics

The Record of Our Faithfulness

August 13, 2023

Budget Fund: \$7,822.03

Building/Roof Fund: \$700.00

August 13, 2023 Attendance

Early Service: 33

Sunday School: 23

Traditional Service: 50

Online Viewing (*both services*): 32

Nursery at 11:00: 0

Church Staff:

Pastor

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

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

8:45 Worship Experience

Prelude "God Is on the Throne"

***Welcome**

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #1 (p. 7) "Way Maker"

Hymn #2 (p. 8) "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Offering & Prayer "Reckless Love"

Scripture Lessons Joshua 7:16-21 (OT)
James 1:12-18 (NT)

Special Music "My Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon *Overcoming Temptations*

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

***Departing Song #3** (p. 9) "At the Cross"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

11:00 Worship Experience

Prelude

“God Is on the Throne”

***Welcome**

Invocation

Call to Worship (2 Peter 2:4-10; Matthew 26:41 / *Unison*)

Since God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. [Then we must remember to] Keep watching and praying that you [We] may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

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

“Way Maker”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Wise and loving Lord,

All: We confess our spiritual and physical weakness to You. Our spirit and our flesh remain in constant turmoil seeking dominance one over the other. The result is we often fall to our temptations and sin. We know we are unable to resist the temptations which arise from our own lusts and desires on our own. We need You, Holy Spirit, to help us overcome this world. Jesus, You promised if we remain in You and You in us we could overcome this world. Help us to abide in You always so we may glorify our heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Temptations

Offering of Substance & Life

“Reckless Love”

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

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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Scripture Lessons

Joshua 7:16-21 *(OT)*

James 1:12-18 *(NT)*

Special Music

“My Jesus”

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Overcoming Temptations

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

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

“At the Cross”

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Affirmation of Faith

From “The Heidelberg Catechism” (4.127)

Q. What does the sixth petition mean?

A. “And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one” means: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment.¹ And our sworn enemies—the devil,² the world,³ and our own flesh—⁴ never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle,⁵ but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.⁶

1. John 15:5; Ps. 103:14

2. 1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 6:12

3. John 15:19

4. Rom. 7:23; Gal. 5:17

5. Matt. 26:41; Mark 13:33

6. 1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23



*The Flowers in Worship Are Given
To the Glory of God
And in Celebration of
Our Anniversary*

By Roger & Mary Mac McLean



#1 Way Maker

1. You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

2. You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

3. You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are / That is who You are
That is who You are / That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

#2 Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

2. Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

3. Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

4. Beautiful Saviour Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben, Joseph August Seiss
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#3 At the Cross

1. Alas and did my Savior bleed/ And did my Sov'reign die
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I

Chorus

At the cross at the cross/ Where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith I received my sight
And now I am happy all the day

2. Was it for crimes that I have done/
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree *Chorus*

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin *Chorus*

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While Calvary's cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes to tears *Chorus*

5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do *Chorus*

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Homecoming at MacPherson



Sunday, September 17

Worship @ 8:45 & 11:00
Followed by a Potluck “Picnic”
in the Fellowship Hall

Come worship at 8:45 or 11:00

Fellowship Breakfast Between Early Service and
Sunday School at 10:00—All Invited to Both!

For the Potluck “Picnic” please bring a covered
dish to share with all—

Salads, Sides, Meats, Breads, Desserts Needed!

Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, August 21

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH)

7:00 pm Troop Meeting (FH/K)

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 am-4:00 pm Classical Conversations (Various Rooms—See Rene)

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

6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

Wednesday, August 23

4:30 pm McCrafters (FH)

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

6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)

7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, August 24

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 Kingsford HOA (FH/K)

Friday, August 25

6:00 pm Parlor Reserved Pastor

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

Saturday, August 26

No activities scheduled

Next Sunday, August 27

Monthly Food Drive

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

Keep In Prayer

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