

“No Greater Joy!”



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.*

☞ This Week at MacPherson ☞

Please Turn to Pages 10-12 for This Week's Calendar, Prayer, and Other Announcements

► **Now's the time to invite someone to** the Live Nativity on Christmas Eve, Christmas Eve Service, or service on Christmas Day! In a recent poll, Lifeway Research found six out of 10 Americans typically attend church at Christmastime. **But among those who don't attend church at Christmastime, a majority (57 percent) say they would likely attend if someone they knew invited them.** MacPherson, invite someone today!!!

► **Upcoming service times:** Live Nativity on Christmas Eve @ 5:00 pm; Christmas Eve Service @ 6:00 pm; Christmas Morning Services @ 8:45 & 11:00 am.

► **2023 Giving Envelopes** are now available in the narthex.

Serving His Church

TODAY

Next Sunday

Elders Greeting: M. Ray & B. Thraillkill

Same

Elders on Call: Megan Ray

Buck Thraillkill

Head Usher: David Hesnard

Jose Cardona

Acolyte: Eli

Hazel

Prayer Warrior Request for the Week of December 18-24

MacPherson's Finance Team

The Record of Our Faithfulness

December 11, 2022

Budget Fund: \$12,158.11

Building/Roof Fund: \$415.00

December 11, 2022 Attendance

Early Service: *No count taken*

Sunday School: 37

Traditional Service: 47

Online Viewing (*both services*): 38

Nursery at 11:00: *No count taken*

Next Week's Sermon

December 24: Lessons & Carols

December 25: Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:14-18

Church Staff:

Pastor

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

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

8:45 Worship Experience

Prelude

“Welcome to Our World”

-Chris Rice

See p. 9 to meditate on the lyrics of this song

***Welcome**

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #306

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymn #44

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Offering & Prayer

“The Birthday of a King”

-arr. Tom Fettke

Lighting of the Advent Candle

-The Treneman’s

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT)

Luke 2:8-13 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

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

***Departing Song Hymn #40** “Joy to the World!”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Reprise: Joy to the World

my SERMON NOTES



WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

Book: _____
Chapter: _____
Verse: _____

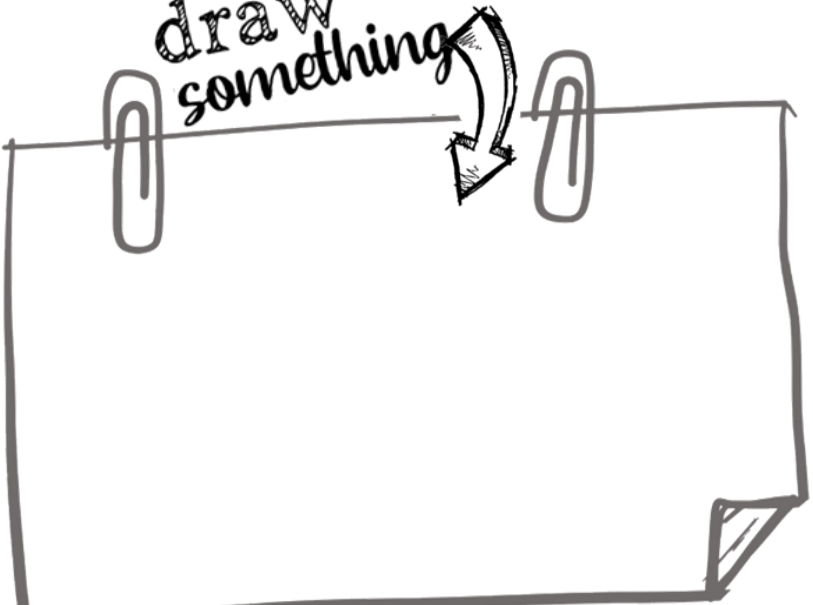
WHO IS IN THE PASSAGE?



My Favorite Song Today:



draw
something



I LEARNED:

WHAT HAPPENED:

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND?



WORDS I DIDN'T KNOW

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Blessed Redeemer,

MANY: Forgive us for the multitude of our sins. We confess we do not love others as we love ourselves; neither do we love You Lord with our whole heart and strength. Please forgive us. Often we live as if You never came to this world to save us from our sins. Heal us faithful God of our sin despite our faithlessness to You. Help our unbelief and increase our faith so our lives will be lived through You, gracious Lord Jesus, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Gifts for Children

Offering of Substance & Life

"The Birthday of a King"

-arr. Tom Fettke

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

***Hymn #44**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT)

Luke 2:8-13 (NT)

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

"Proclaim the Joy"

-arr. Robert Sterling

Sermon

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***Affirmation of Faith** (*below*)

***Closing Hymn #40**

“Joy to the World!”

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Reprise: Joy to the World

Affirmation of Faith

From “*The Confession of 1967*” (9.15)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man’s mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.



The Flowers in Worship

Are Given to the Glory of God

And In Honor of The Members of MacPherson

And My Family & Friends

As We Rejoice in the Birth of Jesus Christ Our Savior

By Sharon Mozingo



Welcome To Our World

Tears are falling/Hearts are breaking
How we need to hear from God
You've been promised/We've been waiting
Welcome holy Child/Welcome holy Child

Hope that You don't mind our manger
How I wish we would have known
But long-awaited holy Stranger
Make Yourself at home/Please make Yourself at home

Bring Your peace/Into our violence
Bid our hungry souls be filled
Word now breaking heaven's silence
Welcome to our world/Welcome to our world

Fragile finger sent to heal us
Tender brow prepared for thorn
Tiny heart whose blood will save us
Unto us is born/Unto us is born

So wrap our injured flesh around You
Breathe our air and walk our sod
Rob our sin and make us holy
Perfect Son of God/Perfect Son of God
Welcome to our world

CCLI Song # 2317391

Chris Rice

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday in Advent/Bus Reserved Youth

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 Cookie Baking with Youth Caroling & Christmas Party

Monday, December 19

7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH)

6:30 pm Troop Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, December 20

6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

7:00 pm Troop Committee Meeting (P)

Wednesday, December 21

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, December 22

6:00 pm Fireside Chat (YouTube)

Friday, December 23

Office Closed for Christmas Eve Holiday

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

Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm Live Nativity

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with Communion

Next Sunday, December 25—Merry Christmas!

8:45 am Early Service

9:30 am Fellowship Breakfast-All Welcome!

10:00 am Sunday School (Various Rooms)

11:00 am Traditional Service

Next Monday, December 26

Office closed for Christmas Holiday

(Federal Holiday Observance)

May We Pray for You?

The Pastor and the MacPherson Prayer Team would like to pray for you and your concerns. Please fill out the slip below and return it to the office, drop it in the collection plate, or place it into the wooden box marked "Prayer," which hangs on the wall near the Little Kitchen. *You may also send a confidential email to Rene with this information, if you are not attending service in-person.*

Please Pray for: _____

This person is:

- Myself
 Family member (relationship) _____
 Coworker Friend/Neighbor Church Member

Request Is for:

- Surgery (Date & Time) _____
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Healing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Stay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage & Relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Finances/Employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Grief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression/Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Child/Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction/Recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice/End of Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Please describe your concern: _____

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

- Please share with the Prayer Team & the Pastor.
 This request is confidential (Pastor only).
 Please have the Pastor call me.

Keep In Prayer

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