

“Jesus!”



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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 21-24 for This Week's Calendar, Prayer, and Other Announcements

- ▶ **Turn to pages 12-20** for this year's Christmas Missions dedications.
- ▶ **2023 Giving Envelopes** are now available in the narthex.
- ▶ **The office is closed Monday** for the Christmas holiday.

Serving His Church

TODAY

Next Sunday

<i>Elders Greeting:</i>	M. Ray & B. Thraikill	N. Bullard & B. Thraikill
<i>Elders on Call:</i>	Buck Thraikill	Scott Cummings
<i>Head Usher:</i>	Jose Cardona	Mary Groening
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Hazel	Leo

Prayer Warrior Request for the Week of December 25-31

For all of the MacPherson Church Family to
enjoy a safe and happy New Year.

The Record of Our Faithfulness December 18, 2022

Budget Fund: \$37,791.38
Building/Roof Fund: \$195.00

December 18, 2022 Attendance

Early Service: 24
Sunday School: 26
Traditional Service: 73
Online Viewing (*both services*): 40
Nursery at 11:00: 0

Next Week's Sermon

Building Good Habits
Leviticus 16:29-34; Luke 22:39-46

Church Staff:

Pastor

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

Church Secretary

René Bahrenfuss

8:45 Worship Experience

Prelude "Do You Hear What I Hear"

***Welcome**

Preparing Our Hearts Through Musical Praise

Hymn #1 (p. 9) "Away in a Manger"

Hymn #2 (p. 10) "What Child Is This?"

Offering & Prayer

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Daniel & Emerald Reid

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-7 (OT)

John 1:14-18 (NT)

Special Music

"Mary Did You Know?"

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Jesus!

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

***Departing Song Hymn #3** (p. 11)

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

my SERMON NOTES



WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____

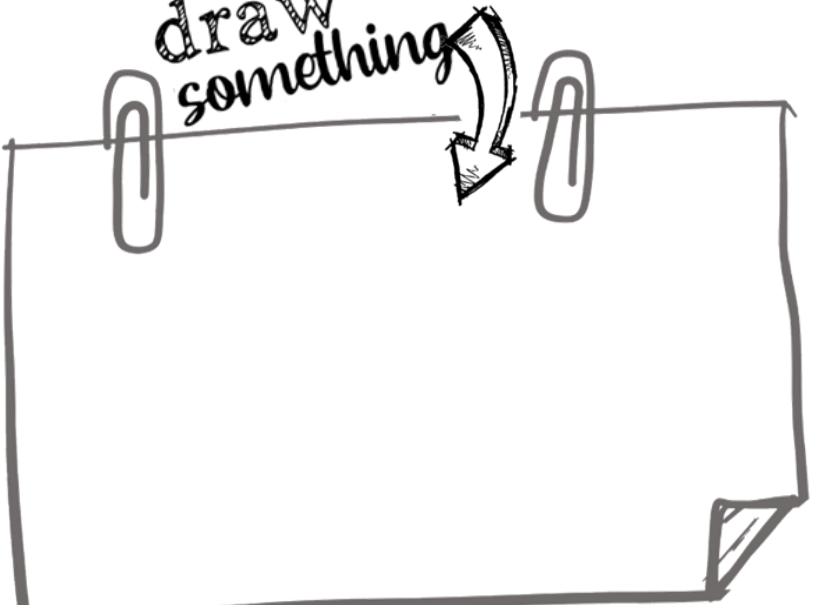
WHO IS IN THE PASSAGE?



My Favorite Song Today:



draw
something



I LEARNED:

WHAT HAPPENED:

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND?



WORDS I DIDN'T KNOW

11:00 Worship Experience

Prelude

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

***Welcome**

Call to Worship

(Luke 2:8-16/ *Unison*)

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

***Hymn #1** (p. 9)

“Away in a Manger”

Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

Congregation Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful and mighty God,

All: This morning we gather in Your sanctuary to worship You through Jesus. Yet, we live often appearing to forget the real reason for celebrating Christmas. Our witness and testimony for You, Jesus, is lost in the craziness of the secular events of the Christmas season. Help us to remember, Jesus, that You are the reason we have Christmas, for You are the greatest gift of all. In Your name, Jesus, we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Christmas

Offering of Substance & Life

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Daniel & Emerald Reid

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

***Hymn #2** *(p. 10)*

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

***Closing Hymn #3** *(p. 11)*

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Affirmation of Faith

From “*The Nicene Creed*” (1.2)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.



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Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

2. The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

3. Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

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What Child Is This

1. What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

2. Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary

3. So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Christmas Missions 2022

In Honor Of...

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Christmas Missions 2022

In Memory Of...

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Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, December 26

Office closed for Christmas Holiday

(Federal Holiday Observance)

Tuesday, December 27

6:30 pm Bible 101 (#205)

Wednesday, December 28

5:00 pm Finance (#205)

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

7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#205)

Thursday, December 29

6:00 pm Fireside Chat (YouTube)

Friday, December 30

9:00 am -1:00 pm 3rd Quarter Tutor Meeting (FH)

5:30 pm Youth Group Lock-In Begins (FH,K)

7:00 pm SOS: Seekers of Sobriety (#205)

Saturday, December 31

9:00 am Youth Group Lock-In Ends

Next Sunday, January 1—Blessed New Year!

Communion

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

Next Monday, January 2

Office closed for New Year's Holiday

(Federal Holiday Observance)

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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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