



## **Baptism of the Lord**

MacNab Street Presbyterian Church  
Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2014

GATHERING

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

\*ENTRY OF THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 42) Elder, Irene Duffey

Thus says God, the Lord: "I have called you in righteousness

**I have taken you by the hand and kept you;**

I have given you as a covenant to the people

**A light to the nations**

To open the eyes that are blind

**To bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,**

From the prison those who sit in darkness

**See the former things have come to pass,**

And new things I now declare."

**Come, let us worship God together.**

\*PRAISE Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness Hymn # 174

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**We confess, O God:**

**When we hear about opening the eyes of the blind**

**And bringing prisoners out of dungeons,**

**We think "This is the work of Jesus.**

**Jesus heals; Jesus rescues."**

**We do not easily step up to receive it as our work.**

**Forgive us our blindness.**

**Forgive us all that binds us.**

**Heal us so we can boldly and joyfully receive the calling of our baptisms.**

**Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember your baptism, and rejoice! . . .

Do you remember?

**We remember.**

*(sprinkling with water is an old church tradition, to remind us of our baptism)*

\* GLORIA Hymn # #298

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,**

**Glory be to God the Spirit, God almighty, Three-in-One!**

**Glory, glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run.**

\*THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

**With one another: The Peace of Christ.**

\*PRAISE Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized Hymn #183

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE WORD in conversation (Children's Time)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 42:1-9 (p.743 OT)

PSALTER: Psalm 29 Refrain Irene Duffey

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 3NT)

SERMON: "What about the dimly burning wicks?" Rev. Cathy Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*PRAISE What King Would Wade Through Murky Streams Hymn #184

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION Irene Duffey

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*PRAISE The People That in Darkness Hymn #171

\*SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**WELCOME TO MACNAB!**

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning.  
***MacNab is a child friendly church. The Church School & Nursery is located in the building next door known as the Church House. Children who wish to stay with their parents for the church service will find colouring materials in the Narthex (entrance) Ushers will be happy to assist with any questions.***

Everyone is invited to Johnston Hall following the worship service for refreshments and fellowship.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING** are in Loving Memory of ***John Middleton***, placed by his loving wife, J'ina, daughter Rhonda, Son-in-law Jon Moore and his adoring grandchildren Seona and Andrew.

**THANK YOU FOR THE MANY PRAYERS AND CARDS OF SYMPATHY,** in the recent loss of our beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, Barbara Pfander. Ethel Pfander and family.

**SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY BIBLE TEXTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX**

**MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:**

Cathy will no longer *quite* so conscientiously be sitting in her office on Thursday afternoon for office hours. She will still *usually* be there but if you want to be sure to catch her in, call or email to make an appointment. This gives her a little more flexibility in her schedule for other congregational needs.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- ❖ Elsie Drover in St. Joseph's hospital recovering from a fall
- ❖ Bob & Jessie Bigelow
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

**ASSISTING US TODAY:**

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen  
Greeters: Billy Stanfield, Mina Beatt  
Ushers: Ken & Diane Hopkins, Don & Sheila Campbell  
Coffee Servers: Doris Ann Etherington-Hyde; Richard & Jeanne Etherington  
Duty Elder: Irene Duffey

**ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK**

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen  
Greeters: Juanita Taylor, Jean Hartman  
Coffee Servers: Barry Betzner; J'ina Middleton, Joyce Boyle, Chris Dawson  
Ushers: Jim Myers, Kay Robertson, Myrtle Inwood  
Duty Elder: Diane Hopkins

**THE MACNAB SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM** is in need of a few more teachers.

Involvement would only be needed once or twice between Jan - June  
If you consider this ministry something in which you are able to contribute, and would be interested, please contact Rebecca Teeuwsen, Kevin Russell, or Rev. Cathy Stewart.

Investing in MacNab's children brings great joy!

**160<sup>TH</sup> "OFFICIAL" PHOTOGRAPHERS! Rhonda and Seona Moore** have generously agreed to take photos depicting the life of MacNab during this special Anniversary Year – be sure to keep your smile ever ready!

**COFFEE AND TEA:** Surely there are a few people in this congregation who could come in at 9:45 a.m. once or twice a month to set up the coffee!!! You are needed! Seriously!! Please speak to Maureen Wright, Juanita Taylor, or Kevin or Alex, as soon as possible.

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

**8:30am-12:30pm Tues., Wed., Thurs**

**DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS: Wed. January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 19** after worship.

Brown bag lunch. The purpose of this meeting is:

- Field and answer questions about the 5 options
- Clarify what preferential voting on March 2 means and how the results will be used.
- Table group time to discuss the 5 options (listen & learn from others)
- The 5 options are: Partnering; Relocatio; Legacy Fund 2 Paths Ministry; Status Quo

**THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Jan 13</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Out of the Cold – Johnston Hall
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Maintenance Committee-Parlour</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Congregational Life-Parlour</b>
		<b>7-8:30pm</b>	Over-comers-Church House
		<b>8:00pm</b>	RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Out of the Cold – Johnston Hall
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	RSCD-Johnston Hall (prev. Tues pm)
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice - Chancel</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	Out of the Cold Program
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Jan 19</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
			<b>Congregational Meeting</b>



**ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT**

*Celebrating Scotland's Immortal Bard*

*Friday, January 24, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.  
In Johnston Hall*

***Dinner, Music & Entertainment***  
***\$20 per person***

Tickets on sale during Coffee Hour in Johnston Hall  
Or

Contact Gerald Smink 905 574-2862 or J'ina Middleton 905 522-2151



**MacNab Prayer**

Loving God, by your Spirit  
the congregation of MacNab was  
formed, 160 years ago.

This congregation has loved and  
served the city of Hamilton and the  
world in many ways over the years.

Now we are in a new place  
and we need the help of your Spirit  
to see what you are calling us to do  
and be.

Open our eyes and our hearts, we  
pray, so we can, Like Abraham and  
Sarah, find life in this new land.  
Help us both "hold on to what is  
good" and let go of what we no  
longer need.

Christ, in your mercy, hear our  
prayer.

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Interim Minister: Rev. Cathy Stewart  
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**PSALM 29**

**Refrain**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glorious name;  
**worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

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The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders,**  
**the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf;  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl,**  
**and strips the forest bare;**  
**and in the temple of the Lord all cry, "Glory!"**

R

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
**The Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.**

O Lord, give strength to your people!

**O Lord, bless your people with peace!**

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