

A litany based on John 1:29-42

One: John said about Jesus, "There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

All: Lamb of God, we need to have our sins forgiven.

One: John baptized Jesus to make him known to the people of Israel.

All: Christ Jesus, make yourself known to us as we worship.

One: John saw the Holy Spirit come down upon Jesus like a dove from heaven.

All: Holy Spirit, come upon us, and stay with us.

One: Two of John's disciples left John to follow Jesus.

All: Give us the same courage and confidence to follow you.

One: The disciples spent the day with Jesus and got to know him.

All: May we too spend time with you, Jesus.

One: Andrew brought his brother, Simon, to meet Jesus.

All: Show us who we might bring to you and how.

**One and All: Call us by name and use us, we pray.
Amen**

The Rev. Wendy Paterson is minister at Paulin Memorial
in Windsor, ON.



GATHERING

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

*ENTRY OF THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40)

Elder, Diane Hopkins

I waited patiently for the Lord;
Who inclined to me and heard my cry.
The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock
making my steps secure.
The Lord put a new song in my mouth
a song of praise to our God.
Come, let us worship God together.

*PRAISE I Waited for the Lord My God

Hymn #23

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

You know us, O God.
You formed us in the womb,
You brought us to birth and You carry us.
You put a song with in us, a song for the world to hear,
But we lose the song.
We forget who made us
and why we are on this earth.
Forgive us, we pray.
Put a new song within us, O God.
Christ in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE WORD in conversation (Children's Time)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:1-7 (p.753 OT)

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42 (p.95 NT)

SERMON: "Too light a thing" Rev. Cathy Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE You Walk along Our Shoreline Hymn #753

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION Diane Hopkins

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 Come Sing, O church, in Joy! Hymn #757

*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.

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 Villa
- ❖ 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: Juanita Taylor, Jean Hartman

Ushers: Jim Myers, Kay Robertson, Myrtle Inwood

Coffee Servers: Barry Betzner, J'ina Middleton, Joyce Boyle, Chris Dawson

Duty Elder: Diane Hopkins

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Jennifer Van Hartingsveldt

Greeters: Jennifer, India & Sawyer Van Hartingsveldt

Ushers: Alex Abraham, Lila Stanfield

Coffee Servers: Frank & Irene Mills; Harry & Annette Callaghan

Duty Elder: Ken 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!

160TH "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!

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

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

TODAY! After Worship: A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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)
- Election of Deacon
- The 5 options are: Partnering; Relocation; Legacy Fund
2 Paths Ministry; Status Quo

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS: Wed. January 22nd

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

Mon	Jan 20	4:00pm	Out of the Cold – Johnston Hall
		7-8:30pm	Over-comers-Church House
		8:00pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Tues	Jan 21	12 Noon	Friendly Circle-Johnston Hall
Bring your lunch. Coffee/tea/dessert provided. Feel free to wear something tartan in honour of “Scottish” month. All ladies welcome!			
		4:00pm	Out of the Cold – Johnston Hall
Wed	Jan 22	7:00pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Thurs	Jan 23	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall (prev. Tues pm)
		7:30pm	Choir Practice – Chancel
Fri	Jan 24	6:30pm	Robbie Burns Dinner
Sat	Jan 25	4:00PM	Out of the Cold Program
Sun	Jan 26	10:30am	Worship Service Baby Shower Sunday

COMMUNITY NOTES:

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HAMILTON AREA SCIENCE AND RELIGION FORUM will feature Dr. Charles Chaffey from the U of T and Tyndale U. The talk is entitled “Brother Marie-Victorin: Pioneer of French Canadian Science”, on Friday January 31, 4.15 pm, University Club, McMaster University. Parking rates are reduced after 4.00 pm. Contact Bob Geddes at bobbgeddes@shaw.ca, or see accompanying poster.

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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PSALM 40: 1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord;
who inclined to me and heard my cry.
The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secured.

The Lord put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord. R

Blessed are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted. R

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me,
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your
faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever. R