

## "Shout out, do not hold back!"

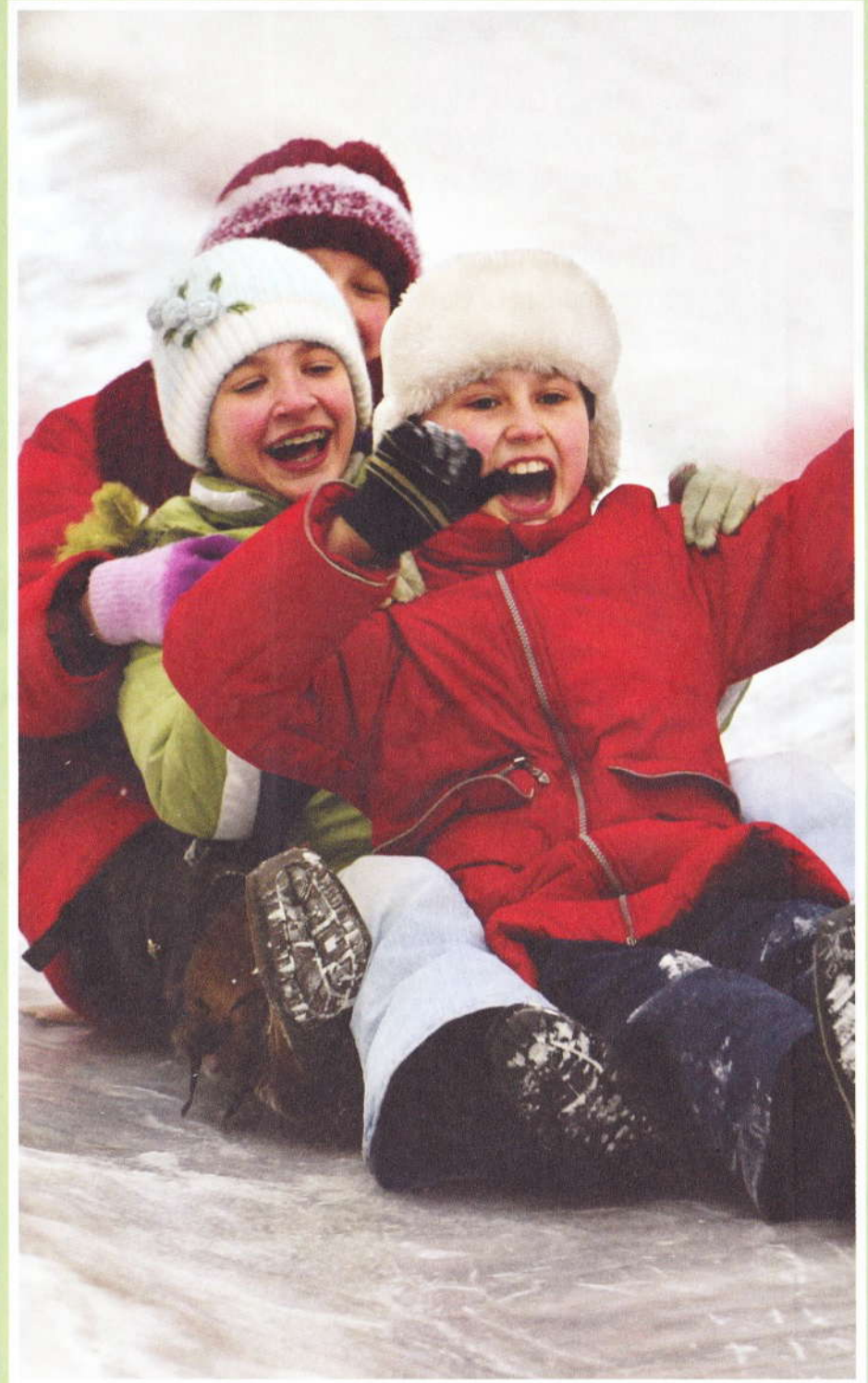
Shouting is not one of those things for which Presbyterians are best known. For some, it is an accomplishment when we finally speak. Shouting occurs when one voice is raised above the others and therefore becomes distinct.

Words sometimes are distinguished by their volume. More often they are distinguished by their content. Who will say the words that are difficult but needed? Who will speak the truth no one wants to hear? Even the gentle sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ can seem like a shout. The unexpected word of kindness and mercy can be a celebrated shout in our noisy world.

According to Isaiah, shouting involves advocacy for the oppressed and downtrodden. Advocacy involves both words and actions. Actions can speak louder than words.

To shout is to get over our hesitancy. Whether in your words or your actions, who in your world is waiting to hear from you?

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GATHERING

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

\*ENTRY OF THE WORD Deacon, J'ina Middleton

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 63)

Because your steadfast love is better than life  
**My lips will praise you.**  
I will bless you as long as I live;  
**I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
**And my mouth praises you with joyful lips.**  
You have been my help,  
**And in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

\*PRAISE How brightly beams the morning star Hymn # 180

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**You know, O God, all the ways we have lost our saltiness.**  
**You know all the ways our light has become dimmed,**  
**And we do not shine with your love to the world.**  
**Forgive us, heal us, and make us anew.**  
**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, 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

\*PRAISE O Splendour of God's glory bright Hymn #817

THE WORD in conversation (Children's Time)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:1-12 (p.763 OT)

PSALTER Psalm 112:1-10 Refrain J'ina Middleton

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (p.174 NT)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16 (p. 4 NT)

ANTHEM: I want to walk as a child of Light C. Langois

SERMON: "Becoming NaCl" Rev. Cathy Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*PRAISE Lord of light, whose name and splendour Hymn #769

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION J'ina Middleton

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 Thou whose almighty word Hymn #291

\*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:

Thursday afternoon 2-5pm but call or email before coming. Occasionally she will be attending to other congregational needs

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Elsie Drover in St. Joseph's Villa
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

#### TODAY!

- Small group conversation in the Parlour after worship.
- Answers to questions that arose at the congregational meeting of January 19<sup>th</sup>

**ANYONE WHO KNOWS THEY WILL BE AWAY** for the vote on March 2<sup>nd</sup> can request a ballot ahead of time. Ask Kevin Russell. Advance ballots must be received not later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### ASSISTING US TODAY:

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen

Greeters: Joyce Boyle, Chris Dawson

Ushers: Lauren Oliver, Abrielle Teeuwsen

Seona Moore, Juanita Taylor

Coffee Servers: Warren & Jean Currie, Jim & Fiona Myers

Duty Deacon: J'ina Middleton

#### ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Seona Moore, Abby Teeuwsen

Greeters: Jean Hartman, Grace Maynard, Gerda Wolf

Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan

Coffee Servers: Doug & Nancy Coutts; Josephine Patterson, Marina Watson

Duty Elder: David Milmine

#### THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Out of the Cold – Johnston Hall
		<b>7-8:30pm</b>	Over-comers-Church House
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Maintenance Committee-Parlour</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Congregational Life-Choir Room</b>
		<b>8:00pm</b>	RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Out of the Cold – Johnston Hall
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Thurs</b>		<b>1:30pm</b>	RSCD-Johnston Hall (prev. Tues pm)
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice – Chancel</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	Out of the Cold Program
		<b>7:00pm</b>	White Cockade Dance
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Epiphany 6 with Rev. Cathy Stewart</b>

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Tues Feb 18 12 Noon Buffet lunch. Members please bring a salad. Pearls are a symbol of a 30 year anniversary, so please wear yours for this special time.**

**Sun Feb 23 3:00pm Black History Gospel Concert  
MacNab Sanctuary - Tickets \$20  
See Kathleen Brooks/Alex Teeuwsen for tickets**

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL STANDING COMMITTEES!

**If you would like to serve on the Congregational Life, Mission & Service, Faith Formation, Stewardship or Property & Maintenance Committee please contact Kevin Russell. Here is an opportunity help shape the programs and policies of the church!**

# Who am I?

I live in the sea and in rocks.

I can help prevent an infection in a cut (I kill bacteria).

People have fought wars over me.

I have been used as money, worth as much as gold.

I am put into ice cream to make it taste sweeter.

I have been used to seal a deal and punish an enemy.

I am used to dry out food (fish and meat).

I remove bitter flavours from food.

I raise the temperature of boiling water.

I keep people from slipping on icy sidewalks.

Too much of me can be bad for your health.

## Notes

1. Name 5 ways you have used salt
2. Jesus said "You are the salt of the earth and light of the world." Do you include yourself in that "you"? Why or why not?
3. Think of a person who has been "salt and light" to you. What did they do?
4. How might people lose their "saltiness?" In what ways do people "hide their light under a bushel?"
5. What is the grace of this passage for you?
6. What is the invitation?

## 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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## MACNAB IS COMMITTED TO HEALTHY CONFLICT RESOLUTION

When I have a concern I will

- Speak directly to the person responsible
- Not try to represent others ("others say...")
- Be specific (what action am I talking about)
- Be specific about impact on me

Example: "When you/the church does \_\_\_\_\_, I feel \_\_\_\_\_"

Suggest an alternative:

"I would prefer \_\_\_\_\_"

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – FEBRUARY 9, 2014

Do not give, as many rich men do, like a hen that lays her eggs and  
cackles.

*Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) American abolitionist and clergyman*