

# "I have set before you today

*life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in God's ways, and observing the commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live..."*

(Deuteronomy 30:15-16)

Death has no future. And societies that do not attend to the adversity and wellbeing of their members have no future either. In contrast, communities oriented to life are hopefully alert to ways that public life can be shaped to best reflect the values of God's commandments and reign. Under God's governance, a vibrant community is one that focuses on justice, love, peacemaking, an equitable economy, and seeking the fullness of life for all.

A community that chooses life is marked by trust and grace.

A community that chooses life is marked by hope, courage and sharing.

A community that chooses life is marked by love and maturity that curbs self-interest and anger.

A community that keeps God's law is one that chooses life.

**The Rev. Ian McDonald is Associate Secretary of  
Canadian Ministries.**

Photo: Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, Montreal, QC



Heritage Sunday



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church  
February 16, 2014 – Epiphany 6

GATHERING

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

\*ENTRY OF THE WORD

Elder, David Milmine

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 42)

As a deer longs for flowing streams

**So my soul longs for you, O God.**

My soul thirsts for God

**For the living God.**

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

**Hope in God; for again I shall praise,**

**my help and my God.**

Come, let us worship God together.

\*PRAISE As Pants the Heart (Psalm 42)

Hymn #26

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**You know us, O God. We are the sons and daughters of Cain.**

**You know how we are tempted, and how we fail in love**

**You know our vengeful words before we speak them,  
our murderous thoughts before we think them.**

**We cannot tell you anything you do not already know.**

**Yet you desire that we speak face-to-face with you.**

**And so we come, trying to be honest**

**About who we are and have been,**

**What we do and have done.**

**Forgive us. Heal us of our fear to trust you.**

**Heal us of our hurtful lashing out.**

**Help us find our rest in you.**

**Christ in your great 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

\*PRAISE Brother, Sister, Set Me Serve You

Hymn #635

THE WORD in conversation (Children's Time)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Genesis 4:1-16 (p.4 OT)

PSALTER Psalm 119:1-8 Refrain 1

David Milmine

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-26 (p.5 NT)

ANTHEM: Comfort, Comfort Now My People (Ps 42-Genevan Tune)

SERMON: Risking Face-to-Face

Rev. Cathy Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*PRAISE Sometimes a Healing Word Is Comfort

Hymn #768

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

David Milmine

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 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Hymn #678

\*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

**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>

**TO PONDER:** (from *Wisdom distilled from the Daily*, Joan Chittister)

One day the Teacher said, "It is so much easier to travel than to stop."

"Why?" the disciples demanded to know.

"Because," the Teacher said, "as long as you travel to a goal you can hold on to a dream. When you stop, you must face reality."

"But how shall we ever change if we have no goals or dreams?" the disciples asked.

"Change that is real is change that is not willed. Face reality and unwilling change will happen."

**ASSISTING US TODAY:**

Church School: Seona Moore, Abby Teeuwsen

Greeters: Jean Hartman, Grace Maynard, Gerda Wolf

Ushers: Frank & Irene Millis, Harry & Annette Callaghan

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

Duty Elder: David Milmine

**ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK**

Church School: Lynda Milmine

Greeters: Ken Hyde & Doris Ann Hyde Etherington

Ushers: Mary Kerr, Marie Fennell, Anne Hunter, Merle Jones

Coffee Servers: Bill & Maureen Wright, Bob & Marion Cameron

Duty Elder: Kevin Russell

**TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2013 are now available. Please see Kevin Russell**

**THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Out of the Cold – Johnston Hall</b>
		<b>7-8:30pm</b>	<b>Over-comers-Church House</b>
		<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Friendly Circle – Buffet Lunch</b>
<b>Members please bring a salad. Pearls are a symbol of a 30 year anniversary, so please wear yours for this special time.</b>			
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session - Parlour</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>RSCD-Johnston Hall (prev. Tues pm)</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice – Chancel</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Out of the Cold Program</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Epiphany 7 with Rev. Cathy Stewart</b>
			<b>Baby Shower Sunday</b>
		<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Black History Gospel Choir</b>
<b>Tickets: \$20 - See Kathleen Brooks or Alex Teeuwsen</b>			

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun March 2 10:30am Worship – Transfiguration Sunday  
Communion  
Annual Meeting following Worship

Each person will be asked to rank on a ballot the 5 options presented at January 19<sup>th</sup> Congregational meeting and reviewed in the recent every home mailing. Brown Bag Lunch

Wed March 5 Ash Wednesday  
Sun March 9 Lent 1  
Daylight Savings time begins  
Fri March 14 6:30pm St Patrick's Night

"If we had been there with Jesus": 6 LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH REVS. CATHY & JOHN Tuesdays – (March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8) 9:30am-10:30am. A chance to experience the text for Sunday's sermon. Sign up by phoning the church office by March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\*Special – March 4<sup>th</sup> only: crepes @ 9am (Pancake Tuesday)  
We will meet in the Church House

EAT – TALK –REST: " PRACTISING HOPE" Mini Retreats  
4 Wednesdays in Lent: March 12, 19, April 2, 9 5:30-7pm  
Soup & Bread at 5:30pm, followed by ½ hour book discussion, then ½ hour Listening (restful) Prayer  
Sign up in the church office by March 2<sup>nd</sup> so we can order the books "Mystical Hope" by Cynthia Bourgeault (\$11.50)

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – FEBRUARY 16, 2014

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.  
*Martin Luther (1483-1546) reformer and theologian*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 TIME: 12 NOON**  
MacNab Church Sanctuary

**THEME: EGYPT 2014 STREAMS IN THE DESERT**

*Extract from the World Day of Prayer (WDP) website...*

*"Join us on **March 7** for the 2014 worship celebration written by WDP Egypt*

*Egypt: A place where history flows across every location like the Nile River flows through its land. A place where history speaks to us calling us to remember our past. Egypt has been both a place of exile and a place of refuge. It is a place where streams flow through desert lands bringing with them the fertile nutrients needed for plants, trees, and all forms of life to flourish. However these streams are not only the physical rivers that we can dip our feet into. In the 2014 service we are invited to seek the streams of living water which Jesus offers."*

About World Day of Prayer - a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March.  
Our motto of "[Informed Prayer](#) & [Prayerful Action](#)" signifies that prayer and action are inseparable.  
For more info about WDP see their website @ <http://www.worlddayofprayer.net/>

**Refreshments to follow.**

**Thank you to Elder Dora Anie, MacNab's representative for this annual prayer service. Dora has been instrumental in organizing the 2014 gathering.**

## 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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Director of Music: Dr. Christiaan Teeuwssen

## PSALM 119: 1-8

### Refrain:

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Blessed are those who keep the Lord's decrees,  
who seek the Lord with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong,  
but walk in the ways of the Lord.**

You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

**O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!  
Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

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