

Change is a reality

we have come to expect, but when it happens suddenly, it really catches our attention.

Peter, James and John were surprised by the change they saw in Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as light.

What God was doing was giving these disciples a glimpse of the glory Jesus had before he came to earth in human form, and they knew he was the Son of God. Later John would write, "The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory..." (John 1:14). A cloud then enveloped the disciples and they heard the words, "This is my Son...listen to him."

If we believe Jesus is the Son of God, we are to listen to him. We listen to Jesus because he alone speaks with the authority of God. As we listen to him, our lives will be changed.

The Rev. David Sherbino retired from Cornerstone
Community Church in Kleinburg, ON, in 2012.

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MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
March 2, 2014 – Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

*ENTRY OF THE WORD

Elder, John Shields

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 50)

The mighty One, God the Lord
speaks and summons the earth,

from the rising of the sun

To its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty

God shines forth.

Our God comes

And does not keep silence.

Come, let us worship God.

*PRAISE

God, Reveal Your Presence

Hymn # 414

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Enfold us in your mercy and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways

to the glory of your name.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #623

SCRIPTURE:

2 Peter 1:16-21 (p.255)

PSALTER

Psalm 99 Refrain

John Shields

GOSPEL:

Mathew 17:1-9 (p.19 NT)

COMMUNION MEDITATION: "Confronting the Vision"

Rev. Bob Geddes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Hymn #186

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC The Glory of the Father

E. Hovland

*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

APOSTLES' CREED

#539

COMMUNION HYMN Here, O My Lord, I See Thee vs. 1, 2, 3 #543

COMMUNION LITURGY

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People shall come from east and west,
and north and south, to sit at table in the presence of God.**

Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Most Holy God, in the beginning You made the earth and all that is in it.

You said: "Eat and be satisfied.

All that I have is yours. All that you need is here."

So we join with all of creation, lifting our hearts in joyful praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (sung)

But we did not know how to eat from your hand.

We turned away from the food that satisfies.

Communion was broken.

We lost appetite for what was good

. . . silent prayer . . .

But You did not forsake your creation

You would not forsake the work of your hands.

You fed us with manna in the desert.

You called to us through prophet and judge.

And then Jesus came. He ate with sinners.

He broke bread with anyone who wanted to draw near.

In his death and resurrected life he became living bread.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. (sung) #523

(Choir 1x; All: 2x)

We give you thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit,

who continues Jesus' life within us, praying for us and for the world

with sighs too deep for words.

On the night he was betrayed . . . (words of institution)

Waiting for the day when all of creation will be renewed,

we eat this meal; we taste and remember that the Lord is good.

Come Holy Spirit, pour over us and over this bread and wine;

make us a new creation.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth

into your will, where peace and justice rule

that we, with all peoples of every language, race and nation

may share the banquet you have promised

through Christ, with Christ and in Christ we pray.

Sharing of the meal

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*PRAISE Here, O My Lord, I See Thee vs. 4, 5 Hymn #543

*SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO MACNAB!

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. Thank you to Rev. Bob Geddes for his message today.

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 the Annual General Meeting and vote on 5 options presented at January congregational meeting.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY BIBLE TEXTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Thanks is extended to the 2 people in the congregation who, during the 13 weeks of Looking for Life, read the Scripture texts ahead and forwarded questions to the minister. It makes preaching more of a conversation!

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

ASSISTING US TODAY:

Church School: Lynda Milmine
 Greeters: James & Renee Marshall
 Ushers: Ken & Diane Hopkins, Don & Sheila Campbell
 Coffee Servers: Grace Maynard, Jean Hartman, Gerda Wolf, Lynda Milmine
 Duty Elder: John Shields

ARISING OUT OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER

CORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES. MacNab and St. Paul's have agreed to some shared services: MacNab will host Maundy Thursday Service and St. Paul's will host Good Friday Service. Central is also invited to join us on Maundy Thursday. In the summer, MacNab will host in July and St. Paul's will host in August. The Revs Shaffer and Stewart will preach the 9 Sundays.

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

Mon	Mar 3	4:00 pm	Out of the Cold – Johnston Hall
		7-8:30pm	Over-comers-Church House
		8:00pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Tues	Mar 4	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
		9:00am	Pancake Tuesday
			Lenten Bible Study begins with
			Crepes in the Church House
Wed	Mar 5	7:00pm	Session – Parlour
		7:00pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Thurs	Mar 6	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall (prev. Tues pm)
		7:30pm	Choir Practice – Chancel
Fri	Mar 7	12 noon	World Day of Prayer-Sanctuary
Sat	March 8	4:00PM	Out of the Cold Program
Sun	March 9	10:30am	1st Sunday of Lent
			Daylight Savings time begins
			Deadline for newsletter



DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER: MARCH 9TH

ANNUAL REPORTS

are now available in the Narthex.
 One copy per family, please.

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen
 Greeters: John & Lynda Oliver
 Ushers: Jim Myers, Kay Robertson,
 Myrtle Inwood
 Coffee Servers: David & Jean Stone, Kathy Shields, Mary Lou Gitschner
 Duty Deacon: Lila Stanfield

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – March 2, 2014

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity
 an obligation; every possession a duty
John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1874-1960), oil magnate, philanthropist

LOOKING AHEAD

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 2nd *Special – March 4th 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 from 5:30-7 pm 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 2nd so we can order the books “Mystical Hope” by Cynthia Bourgeault (\$11.50)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 TIME: 12 NOON

MacNab Church Sanctuary

THEME: EGYPT 2014 STREAMS IN THE DESERT

*"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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St. PATRICK'S NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 14,

2014

6:30 P.M.

DINNER



MUSIC

ENTERTAINMENT

TICKETS ON SALE

DURING COFFEE HOUR

\$20.00 PER PERSON

PSALM 99

Refrain:

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
Let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion,
exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is the Lord! R

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God;
worship at God's footstool.
Holy is the Lord! R

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.
They cried to the Lord, who answered them.

The Lord spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept God's decrees,
and the statutes that God gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord your God,
And worship at the holy mountain;
For the Lord our God is holy. R