

"Samuel, Samuel."

Three times the young Samuel heard his name being called.

Three times he ran to the old priest, Eli, saying "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli had not called and after the third time, realizing that it might be God's voice, Eli told Samuel that if he heard the voice again he should respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

This is how Samuel came to hear God's call to him.

We might ask, "What is the meaning of my life? What does God want from me? If only God would write the answer in the sky."

How do we hear God's call?

As in the story of Samuel,

- it may come unexpectedly;
- another person may help us to recognize it;
- quite possibly it will come as a surprise.

If we are alert and willing, we will hear it. And that call will lead to a life of grace.

Annemarie Klassen



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
January 18, 2015 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

**Those who are able, please stand*

* ENTRY OF THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 139)

Elder, Alex Abraham

Where can we go from your spirit, O God?

Where can we flee from your presence?

If we take the wings of the morning

And settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Even there your hand shall lead us,

And your right hand shall hold us fast.

Even the darkness is not dark to you

The night is a bright as the day.

Come, let us worship God together.

*PRAISE Oh Sing a New Song to the Lord

Hymn #63

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know us, O God.

We are like both the child Samuel and the old Eli.

Like Samuel, we do not recognize your voice when You speak.

We need to be taught.

Like Eli, we may recognize your voice,

but do not have the strength or the will or the courage to follow.

Forgive us for all the ways we fall short.

Lead us, we pray. Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

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 Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

Hymn #442

The WORD in conversation (*Children's time*)

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

PSALTER Psalm 139 :1-6, 13-18 Ref #1

Alex Abraham

GOSPEL John 1:43-51

Hedy Fordham

ANTHEM Lord Speak to Me

R. Schumann

SERMON Does a voice still speak?

Rev. Cathy Stewart

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE O Matchless Beauty of our God

Hymn #566

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

*PRAISE Great is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #324

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE *(please remain seated)*

WELCOME TO MACNAB

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning.

MacNab is a child friendly church. The Church School is located in the Parlour (through the front door in the Sanctuary – lectern side- and to your right) Children who wish to stay with their parents for the church service will find colouring materials in the Narthex (entrance)

Hearing assistance is also available. Ushers will be happy to assist with any questions.

ASSISTING US TODAY

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen

Greeters: Juanita Taylor, Lynda Milmine

Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan

Reader: Hedy Fordham

Coffee Servers: Barry Betzner, Jina Middleton, Kathy Shields

Duty Elder: Alex Abraham

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School Kathy Shields

Greeters Jennifer, India, Sawyer Van Hartingsveldt

Ushers: Mary Kerr, Kevin Russell, Anne Hunter, Merle Jones

Reader: Ian Dalziel

Coffee Servers Grace Maynard, Jean Hartman,

Gerda Wolf, Lynda Milmine

Duty Elder: Dora Anie

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Family and friends of the Bill Liddell who died in Ireland last week
- ❖ Ena McCullough in St. Joseph's Hospital recovering from a fall
- ❖ Shirley Humphries in St Joseph's Hospital
- ❖ Ethel Pfander in St Joseph's Hospital
- ❖ Elsie Drover at St Joseph's Villa
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

PRAYER CONCERNS: please note the new (purple cover) notebook in the narthex where prayer concerns can be entered before the service. The minister will extract the page just before 10:30 and include concerns in the Prayers that day. If you wish your concern to be passed on to the Prayer Group, please add an * beside your concern. It is sometimes good to put your own name beside the concern (so the minister or Prayer Group can follow up).

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY BIBLE TEXTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

For January 25: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday, January 21 2-5pm

OFFICE HOURS:

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

GREETERS, USHERS, COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED!

Please let Frank Mills know if you can take a turn-the more "teams" we have, the less frequent the turn.

Call 905 679-1952



DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS: WED. JANUARY 21ST

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

Mon	Jan 19	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
		7:00pm	Search Committee-Parlour
		7:45pm	RSCD – Johnston Hall
		7-8:30pm	Over-comers-Church House
Tues	Jan 20	10:30am	Prayer Group-Parlour
		12 noon	Friendly Circle
Guest Speaker: Pam from the Fire Prevention Bureau			
Please bring donations of gloves, scarves, men's socks for those in need this winter. All Welcome!			
Wed	Jan 21	5:30pm	Eat, Talk, Rest-Parlour
		7:00pm	Session-Parlour
		7:30pm	RSCD- Johnston Hall
Thur	Jan 22	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		7:30pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Fri	Jan 23	6:30pm	Scottish Dinner-\$20/person
Sat	Jan 24	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Sun	Jan 25	10:30am	3rd Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Cathy's last Sunday at MacNab

COMMUNITY NOTES

THE HAMILTON AREA SCIENCE AND RELIGION FORUM starts the New Year with its first talk Friday, January 23, at 4:15 pm. Dr. Janet Warren will speak on: "God's Mind, Human Brains: Spiritual Discernment and Cognitive Processing". Location is RM A114 John Hodgins Engineering Building (South Entrance) McMaster University. For more information see poster or check with bobgeddes@rogers.com

CHORAL EVENSONG Sunday, January 25th at Christ's Church Cathedral 4:00pm. To mark the end of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity the Cathedral invites all congregations to join in this special service. Clergy are invited to vest and to be part of this service. It will begin with an organ recital by Director of Music Ministries Michael Bloss. Evensong will follow sung by the Cathedral choir. Following the service there will be a brief reception.

PSALM 139 1-6, 13-18

Refrain #1: I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up,
you discern my thoughts from far away.
**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

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For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days
that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
**I try to count them – they are more than the sand;
I come to the end – I am still with you.**

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