



\*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.**

\*PRAISE How Blessed Are the Ones Who Hear Hymn #493

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S TIME

PSALTER Psalm 16 Refrain #1 Bob Cameron

ANTHEM Christ you are the fullness of God (arr. Korean folk song)

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 10:19-25 (p.241 NT)

SERMON "Running the Bases" Steve Baldry

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*PRAISE Jesus, Stand among Us Hymn #452

PRAYER 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 AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

\*PRAISE Light's Abode, Celestial Salem Hymn #610

\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

**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 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: Jenn van Hartingsveldt

Greeters: Jennifer, India, Sawyer van Hartingsveldt

Ushers: Ken & Diane Hopkins, Don & Sheila Campbell

Reader: Bob Cameron

Coffee Servers: Doug & Nancy Coutts, Josephine Patterson

Duty Deacon: Lila Stanfield

**ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK**

Church School: Lynda Milmine

Greeters: Hank Wondergen, Vicki Innes

Ushers: Jim Myers, Myrtle Inwood,  
Claire Salmon, Myrna Cumberbatch

Reader: Gerald Smink

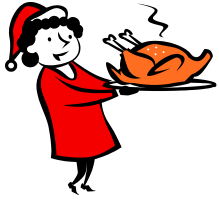
Coffee Servers: Bill & Maureen Wright, Bob & Marion Cameron

Duty Elder: Rick Rutherford

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- ❖ Marilyn Repchuck recovering from surgery
- ❖ Ken Greer who is experiencing deteriorating health
- ❖ Pray for Syrian and other refugees and support workers
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

**NEWS 'N VIEWS is now available for pick up in the narthex. Please pick up your copy. All remainder will be mailed November 17<sup>th</sup>. Extra copies are also provided for those not on our mailing list.**



**INNER CITY OUTREACH DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH - 5:30 p.m.**

(the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.)

MacNab and several other Presbyterian Churches will be hosting the Christmas dinner for Inner City Outreach Ministry at the Eva Rothwell Centre on Wentworth St.

North. We are in need of volunteers to serve and help clean up, and if you are volunteering we would appreciate it if you might bring a pie or two with you. The first course is being catered this year. If you are able to help please let Marguerite Gilbert know by calling 905-679-5785 or [gilbert@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gilbert@mcmaster.ca) Thank you for your support!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** please note the (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).



**PLEASE BEAR WITH US!** We are attempting to improve sound in the Sanctuary and are experimenting with various ways and means. Your patience is appreciated.



**THE CHRISTMAS ELVES** will be decorating the Church for the Christmas Season on **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** starting at **10am**...coffee and cookies will be supplied, and they would be thrilled if you can find time to help them.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30am-12:30pm  
For pastoral care needs be sure to call Steve at 905 536-0640  
Steve's email is: [steve.baldry@cogeco.ca](mailto:steve.baldry@cogeco.ca)



For the generous donations to the Mitten Tree – Many hand, heads, and hearts will be warmed by your thoughtfulness this winter!

*goodness I cannot explain.* Rev Cathy Stewart has now published the full story of her medical experience which became a spiritual journey. The congregation heard some of this story in a sermon in February 2013, and it illuminated the decision-making process the congregation undertook. During the month of November, copies will be available for purchase from the church office for \$20. They will also be available from Bryan Prince Bookseller, and Amazon, but those will cost more!

**THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Nov 16</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
		7:45pm	*RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Nov 17</b>	7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Nov 18</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session - Parlour</b>
		7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Set up for Magic of Christmas Luncheon-Workers: Bring your lunch</b>
		7:30pm	<b>Choir Practice –Chancel</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Magic of Christmas Luncheon</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Nov 22</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship with Steve Baldry</b>
			<b>Annual Budget Meeting</b>

\*Royal Scottish Country Dancers



**LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Redeemer Concert Choir, Alumni Choir &amp; Orchestra perform Handel's <i>The Messiah</i>-directed by Chris Teeuwsen</b>
			<b>Tickets \$26, \$22.</b>
			<b>Redeemer Box Office: 905 648-2139 x4211</b>
			<b><a href="http://ticketwindow.ca">ticketwindow.ca</a></b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Sing-A-Long Messiah</b>
			<b>Tickets: <a href="http://singalongmessiah.ca">singalongmessiah.ca</a></b>



### **Christmas Fun for Kids !**

Fun for the **whole family**, featuring an 8' tall Christmas Tree with 12 doors!  
—we will open all 12 doors and explore what is inside!



Followed by early lunch, face painting, balloon animals, cookie decorating, model railroad display and more!

**Sunday, December 13th 10:30 a.m.**

**Tickets to invite friends AVAILABLE TODAY on the table in the west end of the Narthex.**

**Door to door flyers ARE AVAILABLE TODAY.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to deliver flyers.**

**Sign up list is available on the same table in the Narthex.**

## **MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st , 2015**

**12 NOON – 2:00PM**



**BAKE TABLE: Grace Maynard: 905 560-4301**

**Donations such as preserves, cakes, pies, muffins, squares, and cookies gratefully received! Baked goods should be at the church no later than 10:00am the day of the sale. Please cook up something for our sale!**

**JEWELRY TABLE: J'ina Middleton**

**CRAFT TABLE: Colleen Johnson**

**ATTIC TREASURES: Maureen Wright**

**LUNCH: Kay Robertson**

**LUNCH ROOM TICKETS: \$10.00**

**on sale during coffee hour**

**For other information or questions, call**

**Florence Sharman**

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Director of Music: Dr. Christiaan Teeuwssen

**PSALM 16**

**Refrain #1: Our name an everlasting name,  
our joy the joy of heav'n.**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
In whom is all my delight.  
**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips. R**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup  
you hold my lot.  
**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the Lord always before me;  
**The Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
My body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.  
**You show me the path of life;  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
In your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R**

**WE COME, O CHRIST, TO THEE**

**We come, o Christ, to Thee,  
true Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist,  
In whom all life began;  
In Thee alone we live and move  
And have our being in thy love.**

**Thou art the way to God,  
Thy blood our ransom paid;  
In Thee we face our Judge  
And Maker unafraid.  
Before the Throne absolved we stand;  
Thy love has met Thy law's demand.**

**Thou art the living Truth!  
All wisdom dwells in Thee  
Thou Source of every skill,  
Eternal Verity!  
Thou great I am! In Thee we rest,  
True answer to our every quest.**

**Thou only art true life,  
To know thee is to live  
The more abundant life  
That earth can never give:  
O Risen Lord! We live in thee  
And Thou in us eternally.**

**We worship thee Lord Christ,  
Our Saviour and our King,  
To thee our youth and strength  
Adoringly we bring:  
So fill our hearts that men may see  
They life in us and turn to thee!**

# I wonder about Eli.

What kind of priest cannot recognize a person in distress?  
What kind of liturgist can't fathom someone's praying?  
As Hannah's lips pulse slowly to the music of her bitter pleas, Eli looks on and says to himself—"Oh, great, another drunk in the House of the Lord. A woman no less. I'm so tired of this! A.A. meets Thursdays and Sundays in the basement, lady. That's where you belong. Not here. Not before the altar. Not before The One."

Hannah, to her credit, won't have it. She talks back, with undue respect and kindness, and dares to lay herself open before the Lord and the Lord's bored and blinded priest. "I'm not drunk, sir," she says, "but dismayed, depressed, desperate. Will God hear me, even if you can't?"

I wonder about old Eli. Did he ever dream that his standard benediction, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him," would really be a vehicle of God's grace? I hope so. I hope he knew Hannah's newborn joy in Samuel. He didn't seem a lot sharper when, a few years later, he sleepily told Samuel how to respond to The One's calling in the night. "Speak, Lord, I'm listening..."

I wonder about old Eli. Did he ever, himself, learn to listen? Or did he ever catch on, that worship moves to the beat of a hungry heart?

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