



**MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
December 13, 2015 – Advent 3**

WELCOME TO MACNAB!

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning and hope that you enjoy our "Christmas Fun for Kids" service.

Parents: we ask that your child(ren) remain with you at all times throughout the service and during the reception, as well. During our "Christmas Tree" presentation, Seona will be asking for volunteers to come to the front and open one of the 12 doors. If your child volunteers (and is selected), please accompany them to the front while they volunteer. This way, we can be sure they get back to their seats safely after helping out.

If you brought an infant with you, please bring them into the sanctuary for the service. If they fuss, don't worry about it... fussing babies are "music to our ears!" If you need to attend to your infant outside of the sanctuary, ushers will direct you to a quiet room.

Following our service, there will be a lunch reception in Johnston Hall. We will eat first and then parents are asked to accompany children to the various activities which will include: face painting, cookie decorating, balloon animals, coloring and a model railroad display. If your child needs to use the washrooms at any time throughout the morning service or reception that follows, please accompany them to the washroom. In other words, we appreciate that your child will be in your care throughout this entire event.

If you are looking for a church, you are invited to consider making MacNab your weekly place of worship. Sunday Services are at 10:30 each week, with church school for children. We also have other events going on at MacNab throughout the week (see weekly bulletin for more details).

Carols by Candlelight (Dec 20 - 7:00pm) Christmas Eve Service (Dec 24 - 7:00 pm)

Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

Please use this time to quietly prepare yourself for worship.

Words of Welcome

Steve Baldry

*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE Joy to the world

Hymn #153

*CALL TO WORSHIP

See Insert "Third Sunday in Advent: "JOY"

Bill Wright

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION (followed by)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*PRAISE

Away in a manger

Hymn #149

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 2:1-8 (p.59)

INTERACTIVE MESSAGE FOR KIDS:

A CHRISTMAS TREE WITH 12 DOORS!

Steve Baldry,
Irene Duffy, Seona Moore
and Gerald Smink (quartet)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE

Silent Night

Hymn #154

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy



Written by The Reverend Dianne Ollershaw
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- L: Always be glad because of the Lord! I will say it again: be glad.
- P: **Always be gentle with others. The Lord will soon be here.**
- L: Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything.
With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
- P: **Trust in God gives us hope, peace, resilience and joy.**
- L: In the face of difficulties, struggles or trials,
trust in God gives us staying power and perseverance.
We are taught to have courage and not be dismayed.
God is with us always and promises to refresh our lives with love.
God's Spirit makes us loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind,
good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled.

P: **Let us discover our life in Christ and rejoice!**

- L: We light the third candle of
Advent, the candle of joy.
Let us pray.

Unison: **Come Lord Jesus, come!
You make our joy complete.**

**In the changing
circumstances of life you
bless us again and again.**

**We praise you and rejoice.
May all the ends of the
earth see the salvation
of God. In your name
we pray, Amen.**



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OFFERTORY MUSIC Silent Night
We Three Kings

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*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 Hark! The herald angels sing Hymn #139

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

A HUGE THANK YOU ALSO TO THE ALL THE VOLUNTEERS that have helped in so many different ways to make today's Worship presentation possible. From delivering flyers, to musical contributions, to lunch and activity preparations and the model railroad display. We are grateful!

SPECIAL THANKS to Gerald Smink who is filling in for Chris Teeuwesen at the organ today and our quartet who are assisting with our special presentation **Hearing assistance is available. Ushers will be happy to assist with any questions.**

ASSISTING US TODAY:

Church School: Kids Sunday
Greeters Juanita Taylor, Lynda Milmine
Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan
Coffee Servers: Jina Middleton, Warren & Jean Currie
Duty Elder: Bill Wright

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Dee Lynch
Greeters: Hank Wondergem, Vicki Innes
Ushers: Mary Kerr, Kim Freeman, Anne Hunter, Merle Jones
Reader: Abrielle Teeuwesen
Coffee Servers: Grace Maynard, Jean Hartman, Gerda Wolf, Lynda Milmine
Duty Elder: Alex Abraham

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Jessie Bigelow recovering from surgery
- ❖ Victims of violence and terror in Paris, California and around the world
- ❖ Ken Greer who is experiencing deteriorating health
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

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).



DEVOTIONALS FOR THE ADVENT SEASON. The children have received their advent materials to aid them in preparing their hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child.

There are also adult devotionals placed in the narthex. You are all welcome to pick one up to enhance your own spiritual journey through this time of anticipation.



THIS WEEK (and next) AT MACNAB:

Mon	Dec 14	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Wed	Dec 16	7:00pm	Session-Parlour
Thurs	Dec 17	7:30pm	Choir Practice –Chancel
Sat	Dec 19	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
		7:00pm	White Cockade Dance
Sun	Dec 20	10:30am	Advent 4 (Steve preaching)
		7:00PM	Carols by Candlelight
Thurs	Dec 24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service featuring familiar carols, special music and a brief message from Steve -families/all ages welcome!
Sun	Dec 27	10:30am	First Sunday after Christmas (Steve preaching)

SCENTS & SENSITIVITY: *We respectfully ask for sensitivity to those in our midst who suffer with scent allergies. Your thoughtful consideration is appreciated.*



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

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OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 ARE NOW AVAILABLE

in the Narthex If you do not have a set and would like one, please let the duty elder know, place a note on the offering plate, or contact the church office 905 529-6896 macnabsec@cogeco.ca



2015 CHRISTMAS OFFERING for MISSION 2016

The Mission & Service Committee will have two major, mission-focused offerings at Christmas and Easter instead of multiple requests through the year. Through these offerings the congregation itself will be providing and determining the committee's ability to respond in your name to the many requests for assistance MacNab receives through the year. Please use the Christmas Offering Envelope included in the recent newsletter- (additional envelopes are also available in the Narthex) Your offering may be placed on the offering plate on any Sunday in Advent, or returned by mail to the Church Office. Please return your offering no later than Christmas Eve to be sure of receiving credit in your 2015 income tax receipt.

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

Zahida's Joyful Return to Work

For Zahida, teaching her students to read and write is more than just a job – it is her passion.

Zahida had been teaching high school in Afghanistan when her new husband began to worry that his friends and relatives would think he couldn't provide for his family.

As a result, Zahida was forced to hand in her resignation. "I lost my happiness and felt my life was ruined," she recalls.

PWS&D's girls education project in Afghanistan aims to raise awareness about the importance of education for all children, while also creating opportunities for women and girls to explore their passions and find happiness in careers outside of the home.

Community leaders, mobilized through the project, met with Zahida's husband to talk about the situation. He soon realized the important contribution Zahida was making in building her community. Finally, she was able to return to work. "Returning to school was a very happy day for me. I am once again living my dream," she shares.

PWS&D programming is combatting injustices and working towards happiness and equal opportunity for women and men.

This Advent season show your support for protecting the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan.

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God of Mystery, God of Joy, we thank you for

your presence with us. For your light which shines through the gloom and darkness of our world.

We thank you that nothing can separate us from your love. You come to us with outstretched arms no matter where we are and no matter what our mood.

Slow our hurried pace and calm our minds in this hectic season.

Help us to rejoice, for it is not always easy. Somehow, because it is the season of joy, happiness seems more distant. Be with us now and help us to trust you; that whatever happens you can turn it to right.

Above all the oppression and sadness of this world, you, O Giver of Joy, reign eternal.

Amen.

The Rev. Jean Armstrong

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