



*Second Sunday of Advent*

### **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: Kathy Shields  
Greeters: Mina Beatt, Bill Stanfield  
Ushers: John Shields, Jennifer Applewhaite, Bob & Marion Cameron  
Reader: Ian Dalziel  
Coffee Servers: Frank & Irene Mills, Annette & Harry Callaghan  
Duty Elder: John Shields

### **ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK:**

Church School: Kids Sunday  
Greeters: Juanita Taylor, Lynda Milmine  
Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Allaghan  
Coffee Servers: Barry Betzner, Jina Middleton, Kathy Shields  
Duty Elder: Bill Wright

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- ❖ The Teeuwsen family in the loss of Rebecca's father Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Jessie Bigelow recovering from surgery
- ❖ Victims of violence and terror in Paris 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).

MacNab Street Presbyterian Church  
December 6, 2015 – Advent 2

GATHERING

\*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

**Please use this time to quietly prepare yourself for worship.**

\*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymn #110

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Duty Elder, John Shields

**See Insert "Second Sunday in Advent: "PEACE"**

PRAYER OF APPROACH and PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA

**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.**

\*PRAISE Oh hear our cry, O Lord

Hymn #49

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Unison: **Come Lord Jesus, come!**

**Help us be changed in our awareness, action and attitude.**

**Remind us how beautiful are the feet of those who announce peace and bring good news. In your name we pray, Amen.**



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## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 7:10-16 (p.705 OT) Ian Dalziel

PSALTER Psalm 80:1-7 Refrain #1

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 1:18-25 (p.1 NT)

SERMON "Wishing you a Messy Christmas?" Steve Baldry

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*PRAISE Thou didst leave thy throne Hymn #204

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

\*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 John Shields

COMMUNION HYMN Here, O my Lord, I see thee Hymn #543  
Verses 1-3

THE APOSTLES' CREED Hymn #539

COMMUNION

\*PRAISE Here, O my Lord, I see thee Hymn #543  
Verses 4-5

\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

**TODAY!** Following the service of worship Session Meeting-Parlour

Mon Dec 7 4:00pm Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall  
7:45pm \*RSCD-Johnston Hall

Tue Dec 8 12noon **Friendly Circle gathers at  
The Mandarin-Upper James**

7:30pm RSCD-Johnston Hall

Wed Dec 9 7:30pm RSCD-Johnston Hall

Thurs Dec 10 1:30pm RSCD-Johnston Hall

7:30pm **Choir Practice –Chancel**

Sat Dec 12 4:00pm Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall

5:30pm **Inner City Christmas Dinner**

**Volunteers needed – call Marguerite Gilbert 905-679-5785 or  
[gilbert@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gilbert@mcmaster.ca)**

Sun Dec 13 10:30am **Advent 3 with Steve Baldry  
"Christmas Fun for Kids" for the whole family**

**Nut Free** goodies and treats will be gratefully received in the kitchen on Dec 13th, to make our luncheon complete. Thank you in advance to anyone willing to contribute.



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

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS** who took time to deliver flyers for the **Christmas Fun for Kids** event. Over 1000 were distributed to a wide variety of neighbourhoods!



**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.

#### **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 2014 income tax receipt.

#### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your generous donations of Christmas gifts on this White Gift Sunday for those less fortunate in our community. They will be included with the Christmas Hampers that your donations at Easter and Christmas help fund.



#### **Psalm 80 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) (Prayer for Israel's Restoration)**

- 1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- 2 **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**  
**Stir up your might,**  
**and come to save us!**
- 3 Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- 4 **O LORD God of hosts,**  
**how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?** R
  
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- 6 **You make us the scorn[a] of our neighbors;**  
**our enemies laugh among themselves.**
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## Loving God, we thank you that you come into our

lives to reconcile us to ourselves and calm our  
warring minds. Help us to be reconciled to each  
other and to our world, and grant us peace.

Creator of all, Giver of Peace, we thank you that  
you know our every way and understand our  
needs and wants. Help us to change according to  
your will, not to our own. Help us to be peacemakers  
in our own time.

Ever-present God, we thank you that you sit here  
with us now, holding our hands, easing our way,  
encouraging us to be your disciples. Help us to  
hold others; help us to heal others; help us to  
respect all people. May your peace be with us always.

Amen.

The Rev. Jean Armstrong

