



**MacNab Street Presbyterian Church**  
**December 27, 2015 – Christmas 1**

**WELCOME TO MACNAB!**

Thank you for taking the time to worship this morning at MacNab. If you are a first time visitor, please plan to join us following the service for coffee in Johnston Hall - when you exit the sanctuary, turn left and follow the aroma!

If you have children, they are invited to join Steve at the front part way through our service for our “children’s time;” a short object lesson especially for kids! We are not offering church school this morning, so children will return to their parents for the remainder of the service (coloring kits are available in the Narthex/ foyer). We ask that you keep your child in your care at all times (never wandering unsupervised), including accompanying them to the washroom if the need arises. Infants are most welcome to remain with parents throughout the service - and fussing babies are music to our ears and a sign of a healthy growing church! Change tables are located in both the ladies’ and men’s washrooms adjacent to Johnston Hall. Ushers can direct you.

If you are looking for a church, you are invited to consider making MacNab your church home. There are visitor cards in the pew rack - if you wish to fill one out, simply drop it on the offering plate later in the service.

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

Thanks again for coming!

## GATHERING

\*Those who are able, please stand

### PRELUDE

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

### \*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE

\*PRAISE O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymn #164

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148:1, 2, 5 Duty Elder, Kevin Russell

Leader: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord from the heavens

**People: Praise him in the heights above**

Leader: Praise him, all his angels.

**People: Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

ALL: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command there were created.

### 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, forever. 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, 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 Away in a Manger

Hymn #149

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT Colossians 3:12-17 (p. 215 NT)

Kevin Russell

ANTHEM O Child Divine

M. Rotermund

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 2:41-52 (p.60 NT))

SERMON Significance in The "Not So Spectacular"

Steve Baldry

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*PRAISE Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymn #146

### 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

Kevin Russell

\*PRAISE While Shepherds Watched

Hymn # 138

### \*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

### POSTLUDE

### ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: no church school; children remain with parents  
Greeters: Bill Stanfield, Mina Beatt  
Ushers: Jim Myers, Myrtle Inwood, Claire Salmon, Myrna Cumberbatch  
Coffee Servers: Doug & Nancy Coutts, Josephine Patterson  
Duty Elder: Irene Duffey

### ASSISTING US TODAY:

Church School: Children worship with their families  
Greeters: Jean Hartman, Grace Maynard, Gerda Wolf  
Ushers: Ken & Diane Hopkins, Don & Sheila Campbell  
Coffee Servers: Kathy Shields, Jim & Fiona Myers  
Duty Elder: Kevin Russell

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Alex & Jeanette Cree facing health difficulties
- ❖ 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).

**THANK YOU!** for the beautiful (and bountiful) gift baskets received on behalf of the congregation. From your very appreciative staff!

### THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

Mon	Dec 28	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Fri	Jan 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Sun	Jan 3	10:30am	Epiphany Sunday

### OFFICE HOURS

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)

Starting this April 3, 2016 at MacNab:

“GATHERING” new event – Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Taking place in Johnston Hall (church gym) café style, current, interactive event providing an optional approach to investigating the Bible, faith and growing in the good news of Jesus.  
Coffee available from 8:45.

Please note: “GATHERING” is a new event at MacNab in addition to what we presently offer. The 10:30 Worship Service will remain as it presently is.

### SYRIAN REFUGEE DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED

\$759 has been received by individual donors to date.  
The Mission Committee has donated \$300 on behalf of the Congregation.  
**The Federal Government will match any funds received by December 31<sup>st</sup>.**  
If you would like to make a personal donation, please mark on your envelope “Syrian Fund”. Presbyterian World Service & Development Fund envelopes are available in the Narthex.

### 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](mailto:macnabsec@cogeco.ca)



### SOUND UPDATE

We continue to attempt to improve sound in the Sanctuary and have confirmed a new sound system which will be installed in the upcoming weeks. In the meantime, thanks for your patience!

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** As you make your way to Johnston Hall for Coffee Hour please be sure to take your coat/jacket/sweater with you – this will allow Barry to lock the Sanctuary in good time. Thank you for your co-operation.



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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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## Scrooge was

"a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner!" who thought Christmas was "Humbug!" But one Christmas, Scrooge was blessed with a new spirit that clothed his life in new qualities. He showed *kindness* to his nephew in the gift of a turkey. He had a new found *compassion* for the poor and his anonymous generosity showed *humility*. He was *patient* and *forgiving* of those who ridiculed his changed demeanor. He developed a life-long *love* for the crippled Tiny Tim. And he went to church Christmas day to sing his own *spiritual songs to God*. Above all he was *grateful* for the Christmas gift that changed him forever.

The blessing of God's gift at Christmas continues to give throughout the year through the ways we live our changed lives. We are blessed to be a blessing. Let us echo Tiny Tim's prayer, "God bless us, every one!"

The Rev. Peter Coutts is General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, AB.

