



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
January 24, 2016

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 before making their way to our church school in the parlor. If your child is shy and wants you to accompany them to get settled, please tag along to help them make the transition. If your child wants to remain in the service this morning, no problem as well (coloring kits are available in the Narthex/ foyer). Following church school, children will rejoin their parents in the sanctuary during the last hymn. Other than church school in the parlor, we ask that you keep your child in your care (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 or 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!

OFFICE HOURS

Steve is away Jan 22-Jan 30th inclusive

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

**For pastoral care in Steve's absence be sure to call Kevin Russell
905 527-6416**

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, worship and growing in the good news of Jesus.

Coffee available from 8:45. (3 month pilot project)

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.



FAMILY DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS ON!

Last week, the congregation was asked about supporting a breakfast outreach on Monday, February 15th. 64 people indicated a willingness to help in a variety of ways so we're going ahead! Tickets to

hand out to a friend AND flyers for door to door delivery available TODAY in Johnston Hall. Details about set up, serving, cooking, etc. will be available starting January 31 (so if you haven't heard back, more information to come!) Thanks again to everyone who has said they will support this! If you pledged money (over and above offerings), simply include extra in your weekly envelope, noting the added funds for Family Day.

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.



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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GATHERING

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

Please use this time to quietly prepare yourself for worship.

*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE

*PRAISE God of Mercy, God of Grace

Hymn #39

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 1:18

Duty Elder, Ken Hopkins

Leader: Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be made as white as snow.

**People: Though they are red as crimson,
they shall become like wool.**

Leader: If you are willing and obedient
you shall enjoy the good of the land.

**ALL: Learn to do good, seek justice,
rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan,
and plead for those in need.**

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, 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 Take My Life, and Let It Be Hymn #637

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

PSALTER Psalm 51:1-7 Refrain #1 Hedy Fordham

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 20:1-17 (p.73 OT)

ANTHEM: "Not for tongues of heavens angels" arr. R. Hopp

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 16:18-20 (p. 18NT)

SERMON "The God of A Second Chance" Rev. Bob Docherty

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE When All Thy Mercies, O My God Hymn #443
(tune: Winchester Old)

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 Ken Hopkins

*PRAISE God of grace and God of glory Hymn #490

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING US TODAY:

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwssen

Greeters Hank Wondergem, Vicki Innes

Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills; Harry & Annette Callaghan

Reader: Hedy Fordham

Monitor: Bob Cameron

Coffee Servers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan

Duty Elder: Ken Hopkins

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Irene Duffey

Greeters: Jennifer, India & Sawyer Van Hartingsveldt

Ushers: Mary Kerr, Kim Freeman, Anne Hunter, Merle Jones

Reader: Kathy Shields

Monitor: Don Campbell

Coffee Servers: Barry Betzner, J'ina Middleton, Kathy Shields

Duty Deacon: J'ina Middleton

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Victims of violence and terror
- ❖ 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).

PRAYER TIME in Steve's office. ***Wednesday mornings from 8-8:30 a.m.***

For praise, confession and intercessory prayer for personal concerns, the needs of others, the ministry of MacNab and concerns around the world.

All welcome!



**THE MACNAB SENIOR CHOIR IS
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!**

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to contribute to the musical presentations each week? We meet Thursday evenings at 7:30pm (60-90 minutes) for rehearsal and preparations for special events (eg. Carols by Candlelight, Burns Night) Please speak to our Organist & Choir Director, Chris Teeuwsen after church or any Sunday following the worship service- or email teeuwsen@redeemer.ca

You can see some recent events posted on the MacNab Senior Choir Facebook page!

It's a New Year – now would be a great time to join us!

VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS WELCOME

If you would like to be added to our list of readers, please let Steve, an usher or the church office know (905 529-6896) No previous experience necessary. The readings are provided well in advance for your convenience.

TODAY! ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MATCH FUNDS FOR SYRIA RELIEF

Donations towards Syria relief are meeting the immediate needs of families within Syria and its neighbouring countries—where the need is still great. **By donating today, you can double the impact of your gift and reach more families touched by this tragedy. The Federal Government will match donations until Feb 29th**

Presbyterian World Service & Development envelopes are available in the Narthex or simply mark "Syria" on the Mission area of your donation envelope.

PSALM 51:1-7

**Refrain #1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
O my soul, what wondrous love is this
O my soul.**

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
**according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
**so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. R

The book of Nehemiah

describes the Jews returning from exile to find Jerusalem destroyed and permeated by injustice. With the wall rebuilt, they gathered again as God's people. Hearing Ezra read God's words, they wept in despair, realizing the suffering their sins had caused.

Then Ezra spoke words of hope: "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10 NIV).

God speaks these same words to us today even while we despair, feel sad, cause pain, see injustice. In God there is hope; there is grace; there is a way back. God's Word strengthens and draws us into community. When we allow God's Word to take root in our lives we can enjoy abundant life and share our blessings. It is this sacred balance – between recognizing and sharing our blessings – that brings justice to the world and connects us to the joy of life in Christ.

**Jen de Combe is the Executive Director of Tyndale St-Georges
Community Centre in Montreal, QC.**

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