



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
February 21, 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 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!

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

*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 Jesus, Friend So Kind and Gentle Hymn #519

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Ruth Pearson

PSALTER Psalm 27 Refrain #1

ANTHEM Ave Verum Mozart

SERMON "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" Steve Baldry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Hymn #349

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 My Soul Gives Glory to God Hymn #123

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING US TODAY:

Special thanks to Gerald Smink for his music leadership this morning, in Chris Teeuwssen's absence.

Church School: Kathy Shields

Greeters Kim Freeman, Irene Duffey

Ushers: Alex Abraham, Lila Stanfield, Ken & Diane Hopkins

Reader: Ruth Pearson

Monitor: John Shields

Coffee Servers: George Donner, Kim Freeman,
Estelle Joubert, Juanita Taylor

Duty Elder: Kevin Russell

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Dee Lynch

Greeters: Karen Evans & Estelle Joubert

Ushers: John Shields, Jennifer Applewhaite
Bob & Marion Cameron

Reader Barry Betzner

Monitor: Ken Hopkins

Coffee Servers: Kathy Shields, Josephine Patterson

Duty Elder Florence Sharman

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ **Family and friends of Ken Greer who died February 14**
- ❖ 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).

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS will be available as soon as our second shipment arrives. Please check the narthex to pick one up, or see Rebecca Teeuwssen.

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!

“For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. – Corinthians 1:9

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

<u>TODAY!</u>	Pot Luck Lunch & Annual Meeting following worship
Mon	Feb 22
	4:00pm Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
	7:45pm *RSCD-Johnston Hall
Tues	Feb 23
	7:30pm RSCD-Johnston Hall
Wed	Feb 24
	8:00am Prayer Time –Steve’s office
Thurs	Feb 25
	1:30pm RSCD-Johnston Hall
	7:30pm Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Sat	Feb 26
	4:00pm Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Sun	Feb 28
	10:30am Lent 3 Worship –Steve preaching

*RSCD-Royal Scottish Country Dancers

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	March 6	10:30am	Lent 4- Bob Geddes preaching Communion
			Steve is away on Study Leave March 2-8 inclusive
Fri	March 11	6:30PM	St. Patrick’s Night
	Dinner-Music-Entertainment		\$20/person
	Tickets on sale today!		
Fri	March 25	10:30AM	Good Friday Service



TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2015 ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

Please see Kevin Russell or John Shields in Johnston Hall during Coffee hour. All remaining will be mailed.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

Ecumenical Service

12 NOON at Stewart memorial Church

114 John Street North (between Wilson & Canon St E)

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba

THE HAMILTON SCIENCE AND FAITH FORUM & THE CANADIAN SCIENTIFIC AND CHRISTIAN AFFILIATION

present "Time and Eternity" – a public lecture with Dr. Robert Mann Professor of Physics at the University of Waterloo.

Friday, February 26th 4:15pm Room A114 John Hodgins Engineering Building (South entrance) McMaster University

Contact bobgeddes@rogers.com for more information.

RETIREMENT WITH MEANING: Living with the Spirit of Adventure!

Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre is offering a new retreat for individuals and couples who are recently retired or looking towards retirement. Sunday April 24 - Tuesday April 26th. Speaker is Rev. Dr. Andrew Irvine. Cost is \$250 per person. Call [519-824-7898](tel:519-824-7898) www.crieffhills.com



On this Annual Meeting Sunday, we remember with love and respect those of our church family who died in 2015:

*Tom Welsh
Marie Welsh
Phyllis Fahey
Elsie Drover
Aubrey Falladown*

*February 22
April 2
July 9
July 28
August 13*

...”therefore do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

PSALM 27

Refrain #1 The Lord’s my light and my saving health;
I shall not be afraid

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh-
my adversaries and foes-
they shall stumble and fall.
**Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.**

R

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after;
**to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in the Lord’s temple.**

For you, Lord, will hide me in your shelter
in the day of trouble;
you will conceal me under the cover of your tent;
you will set me high on a rock.
**Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord’s tent
with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

R

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

**“Come,” my heart says, “seek the Lord’s face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.**

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you, who have been my help.
**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
The Lord will take me up.** R

Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living,
**Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!** R

FROM THE SESSION MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2016

- Steve Baldry opened the meeting with the passage from 1 Corinthians 16:14 “Let all that you do be done in love.”
- The volunteers and planners for the Family Day Breakfast were commended for their efforts.
- It was agreed to accept \$18,000.00 as the Presbyterians Sharing Allocation for 2016.
- The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet at MacNab on Tuesday, March 8th with dinner at 6:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm.
- The Annual Cookies Drive for McMaster Chaplaincy “exam drop in” is April 11-April 21. More details will be published.
- Kevin Russell and Alex Abraham were thanked for their several years of commitment and care in their roles as Clerk and Associate Clerk of Session respectively.
- Two Deacons are retiring. Plans are underway to seek the election of additional Deacons.
- Steve will be away on Study Leave March 2-8 preparing for the *Gathering* service to begin April 3.
- Bob Geddes will be the guest preacher for Communion Sunday, March 6th
- The gift of the Grand Piano in memory of Mark Hoogsteen was recognized with grateful thanks.
- The Mission Committee will be exploring how MacNab might be involved in the Syrian Refugee Sponsorship developed with other churches through Knox, Waterdown.
- Plans are underway for a Good Friday Service and potential of a hike to follow (March 25)

Our congregation's motto is

"We honour the past, and welcome the future –
by being faithful in the present."

We often say, "The past is over and gone!" But, the
continuing reality of the past is still very much with us.

We often say, "Let's live for the moment!" But, today's
moments are inextricably linked with the past and the future.

The "reality" of the moment comes to us from a cease-less
past; and it always and forever surges forward into an
endless future.

"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land
of the living. Wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:13, 14a NRSV).

On Heritage Sunday

we celebrate the past –

everything which has been given to us;

we welcome the future –

being drawn towards the coming days by a loving and
sovereign God;

and we embrace the present –

by "waiting" in each moment for strong, sustaining
evidences that "the good Lord" and his gracious Christ
are with us.