



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
February 28, 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

Steve is away on Study Leave March 2nd-8th inclusive

For emergency pastoral care please contact David Milmine
905 545-3014.

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.

***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 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Hymn #52

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32

Duty Elder, Florence Sharman

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through
my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried
up as by the heat of summer**

**ALL: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my
iniquity; I said “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH and PRAYER OF 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, 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 Saviour, Teach Me Day By Day Hymn #698

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p.191 NT) Barry Betzner

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (p. 80 NT)

ANTHEM Ave Verum Mozart

SERMON "Two Lost Sons" Steve Baldry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE Softly and Tenderly Hymn #640

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 Florence Sharman

*PRAISE In Suffering Love Hymn #696

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING US TODAY

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

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK:

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwssen

Greeters Mina Beatt, Bill Stanfield

Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan

Reader: Mair Davies

Monitor: Kevin Russell

Coffee Servers: Bill & Maureen Wright, Bob & Marion Cameron

Duty Elder: Marilyn Repchuck



THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS who assisted at the service and reception for Ken Greer on February 19th. Your kind consideration was very much appreciated.
The Greer Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ 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!

“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

**SPRING NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH**

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

Mon	Feb 29	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
		7:45pm	*RSCD-Johnston Hall
Tues	Mar 1	7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Wed	Mar 2	8:00am	Prayer Time –Steve’s office
Thurs	Mar 3	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		7:30pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Sat	Mar 5	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Sun	Mar 6	10:30am	Lent 4 Worship –Communion Bob Geddes preaching

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*RSCD-Royal Scottish Country Dancers

LOOKING AHEAD

Fri	Mar 11	6:30PM	St. Patrick’s Night Dinner-Music-Entertainment \$20/person Tickets on sale today!
Sun	Mar 13	10:30am	Daylight Saving Time begins Lent 5-Steve Baldry preaching



Sun	Mar 20	10:30am	Palm Sunday Service
Fri	Mar 25	10:30am	Good Friday Service, featuring “The Roman Centurion,” a dramatic sermon by Steve Baldry
Sun	Mar 27	10:30am	Easter Sunday Service

LAST CALL!

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

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

Come and receive blessing upon blessing.

Have your thirst quenched and your body nourished. Enjoy rich food, milk and wine. Your mouth almost waters as you read these gifts from God. Now we are talking! No more calorie counting or eating celery sticks! Hardly. This promise is all about wholeness and wellbeing. God is offering the chance to be renewed as God's covenant people. God freely offers grace out of God's love and a pardon that is abundantly given. Can you imagine the relief and joy that the Israelites, in Babylonian captivity, would experience hearing that their thirst and heartache would soon be over?

The promise is to us as well. It sounds too good to be true. Is anything free, worthwhile? Salvation and redemption are given as we follow God's calling.

How can this make sense? It doesn't have to. God reminds us, through Isaiah, that God's ways are not our ways. God's thoughts are higher than ours. It is not for us to dissect and analyze. It is ours to receive through faith.

The Rev. Karen Horst is the minister at St. Andrew's in Orillia, ON,
and moderator of the 141st General Assembly.

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