



**MacNab Street Presbyterian Church**  
**April 3, 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**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](mailto:steve.baldry@cogeco.ca)**

# May Long Weekend Breakfast Monday, May 23rd 9:00-11:00 a.m.



If you would like to be a part of this free community breakfast outreach, please complete the volunteer forms and return TODAY!

**gathering**  
with God ~ with others ~ with others still to come

Started at MacNab this morning. If you have an interest in helping out with this new initiative, please fill out the green sheet in the Narthex and place in the box provided on the welcome table or give directly to Steve.

*Please note: "GATHERING" is a new event at MacNab (a 3 month pilot project) in addition to what we presently offer. The 10:30 Worship Service will remain as it presently is.*

VBS? MacNab is still considering offering a Vacation Bible School for one week this coming summer. We need to make a decision soon and it is dependent upon whether or not we have enough volunteers. Let us know by filling out a sheet (flip side of green sheet for gathering) on the welcome table in the narthex!

## GATHERING

\*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

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

\*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE

\*PRAISE Thine Be the Glory

Hymn #258

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Duty Elder, Alex Abraham

Leader: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,

**People: and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,**

Leader: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,

**People: and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

**All: To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen**

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 Jesus, Friend of All the Children Hymn #656

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S TIME

PSALTER Psalm 118:14-25 Refrain #1 Matt Hopkins

NEW TESTAMENT John 20:24-29 (p.119 NT)

ANTHEM Hail The Day that Sees Him Rise D. Grotenhuis

SERMON "Why Doubting Makes So Much Sense" Steve Baldry

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*PRAISE Strength to the Troubled Heart, We Come Hymn #605

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

\*PRAISE Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Hymn #367

\*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

**ASSISTING US TODAY:**

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen

Greeters: Jean Hartman, Grace Maynard, Gerda Wolf

Ushers: Alex Abraham, Lila Stanfield, Doug & Nancy Coutts

Reader: Matt Hopkins

Monitor: John Lumsden

Coffee Servers: Grace Maynard, Jean Hartman, Gerda Wolf, Lynda Milmine

Duty Elder: Alex Abraham

**ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK**

Church School: Dee Lynch

Greeters: Don MacVicar & Karen Evans

Ushers: John Shields, Jennifer Applewhaite  
Bob & Marion Cameron

Reader: Ian Dalziel

Monitor: Brent Dawson

Coffee Servers: Warren & Jean Currie, Jim & Fiona Myers

Duty Elder: Dora Anie

**PLEASE PRAY FOR.**

- ❖ Robert Bigelow in Bob Kemp Hospice
- ❖ The Christian community in Lahore, Pakistan
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

**THANK YOU!** to all the volunteers who helped behind the scenes in presenting the dramatic service of Good Friday.

**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*

**THIS WEEK AT MACNAB**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr 4</b>	<b>7:45pm</b>	*RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Apr 5</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 6</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Prayer Time –Steve’s office</b>
		7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice-Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Gathering Service -Johnston Hall</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship – Steve Baldry preaching</b>

\*RSCD-Royal Scottish Country Dancers

**PSALM 118:14-25**

**Refrain #1      This is the day of days, God made it!  
                         And we are glad, we praise God’s name.**

The Lord is my strength and my might  
and has become my salvation.  
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
**“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;  
The right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”**

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me severely,  
but has not given me over to death.  
Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.  
**This is the gate of the Lord;  
The righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me  
And have become my salvation.  
**The stone that the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing;  
**It is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
**O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!      R**

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## The disciples have encountered the risen Christ

and then feel compelled to witness to others.

“Witness” is double sided. They first witness God’s grace in action, and then they turn to those around them and witness to them. Thomas must first witness Jesus Christ and then he gives witness to others. The disciples both receive God’s grace and bring witness about Jesus Christ to others.

At Easter we witness a Risen Christ. This encounter means we cannot help but give witness to others.

We can only act as witnesses if we have encountered something, if we have felt it with our own hands and seen it with our own eyes. No one gets called as a witness for a court case unless one has first witnessed something important. With the Holy Spirit we witness this truth – God’s power raised Jesus Christ from the dead.