



**MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
March 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday**

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

gathering

with God ~ with others ~ with others still to come

(New) Sunday mornings, Sunday, April 3rd, 9:00 a.m.
- Fair Trade Coffee ready at 8:45

April topics:

- 3rd Why doubting makes so much sense
- 10th When you feel like everything is ruined
- 17th Something more important than just believing
- 24th Where The Beatles had it right

MacNab 116 MacNab St. S., Hamilton (905)529-6896
Street Presbyterian Church macnabpresbyterian.ca—more info./directions/ parking

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 the box provided on the welcome table or give directly to Steve.

Also, invitation cards are available (welcome table) for you to share with someone. Please pray for this new ministry (and all the ministries) at MacNab!

*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.*

GATHERING

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

Please use this time to quietly prepare yourself for worship.

*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE

*PRAISE All Glory, Laud and Honour Hymn #214

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Philippians 5:5-11 Duty Deacon, Lila Stanfield

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

People: who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

Leader: but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

People: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

All: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 Come, Ye Disconsolate Hymn #195

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

PSALTER PSALM 118: 1,2,19-29 Refrain #1 Kay Robertson

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 19:28-40 (p.85 NT)

ANTHEM When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. G. Martin

SERMON "Helpless Victim or Willing Sacrifice" Steve Baldry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE Far across the Burning Desert Hymn #188

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 Lila Stanfield

*PRAISE In the Cross of Christ I Glory Hymn #208

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING US TODAY:

Church School: Kathy Shields
Greeters Jennifer, India & Sawyer Van Hartingsveldt
Ushers: Doug & Nancy Coutts, Don & Sheila Campbell
Reader: Kay Robertson
Monitor: Don Campbell
Coffee Servers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan
Duty Deacon: Lila Stanfield

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Irene Duffey
Greeters: Hank Wondergem, Vicki Innes
Ushers: Jim Myers, Myrtle Inwood,
Claire Salmon, Myrna Cumberbatch
Reader Myrna Cumberbatch
Monitor: Bob Cameron
Coffee Servers: Barry Betzner, J'ina Middleton, Jeff & Karen Butters
Duty Elder Bill Wright

PLEASE PRAY FOR.

- ❖ Family and friends of Margaret Jubien who died in December, 2015. Margaret was a long time, faithful member of MacNab.
- ❖ 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).



Offerings received in the Easter offering envelope available in the Narthex and included in the recently mailed newsletter will be used to support the Inner City Outreach Summer Camp Program, as well as other mission programs in the community and abroad.

Combined with the Christmas 2015 offering your generosity allows MacNab to make a significant difference in the lives of many throughout the year

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

Mon	Mar 21	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall (last one)
		7:45pm	*RSCD-Johnston Hall
Tues	Mar 22	7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Wed	Mar 23	8:00am	Prayer Time –Steve's office
		7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Thurs	Mar 24	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		7:30pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary



Fri Mar 25 10:30am Good Friday Service
featuring "Through the Eyes of the Centurion"
a dramatic sermon by Steve Baldry

followed by "Good Friday Hike" – meet at Dundas Valley Conservation Area, 650 Governors Rd, at 12:30pm. Bring your own picnic lunch. Dress appropriately. Maps available in the Narthex. Parking costs \$10/vehicle. After you park, make your way to the Trail Center (old train station).

We will start with lunch at the picnic tables and then make our way on the 3K loop for a hike (this involves a few steep hills). Event should be finished by 3pm at the latest.

Children must be accompanied and supervised by his/her parent at all times.

Sat	Mar 26	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall (last one)
Sun	Mar 27	10:30am	Easter Sunday: Glorious Easter Music Steve Baldry preaching Hot Cross Buns and fellowship in Johnston Hall following the service

PSALM 118:1,2, 19-29

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever."

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, who has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever. R

"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out"

(Luke 19:40 NRSV)

Jesus' daring words to his opponents are unique to Luke.

Jesus is confident that God's powerful initiative for new life
will not be without witnesses

even if his enemies prevail for a time.

Sometimes when we are worried for the future of the Church
we forget that the power of new life belongs to God.

We strategize about what we can do.

We change *our* plans; recast *our* vision.

But if we want to follow Jesus

on his journey toward the Cross this week,

then we too must trust that God will not be without witnesses
even when our most faithful efforts fall short.

For the power at work in Jesus' faithfulness is God's power.

And God's power will not be thwarted.

Any day you worry about the future, repeat after me,

"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks is minister in St John's Medicine Hat, AB,
a place of ancient stones and dinosaur bones.

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