



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
March 27, 2016 – Easter 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

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Street Presbyterian Church macnabpresbyterian.ca — more info./directions/ parking

NEXT SUNDAY is the launch of this new initiative at MacNab. Please pray for this event and prayerfully consider how you can support this.

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 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Hymn #243

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:19-24 Duty Elder, Bill Wright

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: 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.**

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 I Danced in the Morning Hymn #250

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 24:1-32 Myrna Cumberbatch

ANTHEM Hallelujah (Mount of Olives) L. Beethoven

SERMON "Understated Appearance" Steve Baldry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE Christ Is Alive! Hymn #251

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 Bill Wright

*PRAISE Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Hymn #247

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING US TODAY

Special thanks to David Baldry for his trumpet contribution to our Easter worship.

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

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- ❖ Belgium and the victims of the carnage of March 22, 2016
- ❖ 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

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

Mon	Mar 28	7:45pm	*RSCD-Johnston Hall
Tues	Mar 29	7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Wed	Mar 30	8:00am	Prayer Time –Steve's office
		7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Thurs	Mar 31	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		7:30pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Sun	Apr 3	9:00am	Gathering Service -Johnston Hall
		10:30am	Worship – Steve preaching

*RSCD-Royal Scottish Country Dancers

"THANK YOU FOR HOSTING THE OUT OF THE COLD DINNERS"

A letter from Sister Nancy Sullivan has been received expressing gratitude for MacNab's support of this twice weekly program November through March.

A cheque for \$2500 was included to help cover costs.



Offerings received in the special envelope included with the bulletin today 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 through the year.

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FROM THE KIRK SESSION MEETING MARCH 16, 2016

- Steve Baldry opened the meeting with a reflection of King Josiah of the Old Testament emphasizing the importance of everyone working together to accomplish great things.
- Alan McPherson and Marilyn Repchuck made a presentation regarding the fund raising drive for Knox College. An ad hoc committee will be formed to review the material and report back.
- All those that were involved in the organization of the meal for Presbytery on March 8th were commended for their efforts
- The recent transfers of membership have been recorded on the MacNab roll
- Steve Baldry provided an overview of Ministry Strategy that was circulated via the newsletter to the congregation. Guidelines accompanying this include: 1. Creating an atmosphere of love; 2. Contacting Ministry; 3. Communicating a Proper Understanding of Jesus; 4. Building a Healthy Group Image; 5. Building a Prayer Base; 6. Communicating the Bible; 7. Multiplying Leadership; 8. Patience and Longevity.
- Several guides to successful ministry were noted: from creating an atmosphere of love (you cannot "not communicate") to building a healthy group image (focus on strengths, include everyone, review frequently).
- The Session accepted with sincere regret the letter of resignation of Chris Teeuwssen as Organist and Choir Director effective May 29, 2016
- The Congregational Life Committee outlined the various plans for the months ahead emphasizing the need for as many as possible to attend the new "Gathering" service that begins 9am April 3rd.
- The Mission and Service Committee reported that as of March 1st a balance of \$5,141 in hand with the Easter offering to come. A letter of support was sent to Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterdown acknowledging MacNab's willingness to assist where possible in the sponsoring of a refugee family. More specific involvement will be considered once the dynamics and needs of the family are made known.

- The Stewardship Committee will be exploring a “Six Doors of Giving” Stewardship Program with a view to implement such a program at MacNab
- Presbytery regretfully approved the retirement of Rev. Dr. Carol Wood who is returning to the United States. Dr. Wood has been a welcome figure at MacNab over the years.

Friends want to see one another.

There is a special bond when two or three are gathered together. The women and the disciples wanted to see Jesus. They were seeking Jesus after the crucifixion.

To satisfy our yearning to see and follow Jesus, we must act. Christ is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6a NRSV). However, we must actively discover the way, discern the truth, and embrace life.

The tides of life and time constantly bring new challenges for us to navigate. What does it mean to seek Jesus amid such pressing social questions as terrorism, xenophobia, delinquency, recidivism, assisted suicide?

How does the church help us find Jesus? Can the church be like the dazzling angels in the tomb who point the way for those seeking Jesus?

Richard Fee served as General Secretary of the Life and Mission Agency from 2005 until 2015.

