



**MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
March 6, 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

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

If you have an interest in helping out with this new initiative, please fill out the insert in this week's bulletin and return to the box provided on the welcome table in the narthex today.

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 Creatures of our God and King Hymn #433

*CALL TO WORSHIP Duty Elder, Rick Rutherford

Leader: As far as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love, for all who fear God.

**People: We turn aside to see a great sight,
and attune our ears to the voice of God;**

ALL: Let us worship God, with our hearts and minds!

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, Let Us to the Lord Our God Hymn #194

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

PSALTER Psalm 116:1-7 Refrain #1 Mair Davies

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 4:1-4 (p. 962 OT)

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 13:1-9 (p.77 NT)

ANTHEM O Saviour of the World J. Goss

SERMON "Do you think....? " Bob Geddes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 Rick Rutherford

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN Here, O my Lord, I See Thee (vs 1-3) #543

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE MEAL

CLOSING PRAYER

*PRAISE Here, O my Lord, I See Thee (vs 4,5) Hymn #543

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN/POSTLUDE

ASSISTING US TODAY:

Special thanks to Rev. Bob Geddes for leading the Worship Service this morning.

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen

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: Rick Rutherford

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Jennifer Van Hartingsveldt

Greeters: Juanita Tylor, Lynda Milmine

Ushers: Mary Kerr, Kim Freeman, Anne Hunter, Merle Jones

Reader: Gerald Smink

Monitor: Frank Mills

Coffee Servers: David & June Stone, Lila Stanfield, Hedy Fordham

Duty Elder: John Shields

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- ❖ The Reid Family in the loss Mary, wife of former Clerk of Session Jim Reid.
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless



ATTENTION DEACONS & ELDERS: please be sure to let David Milmine know of any shut-ins in your districts that would enjoy receiving an Easter plant.

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 7	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
		7:45pm	*RSCD-Johnston Hall
Tues	Mar 8	6:00pm	Presbytery of Hamilton Dinner (Presbyters only-Johnston Hall)
		7:00pm	Presbytery Meeting – Sanctuary (Public welcome to attend)
		7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Wed	Mar 9	8:00am	Prayer Time –Steve's office
Thurs	Mar 10	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		7:30pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Fri	Mar 11	6:30pm	St Patrick's Night Dinner-Music-Entertainment - \$20/person Tickets on sale during coffee hour
Sat	Mar 12	9:00am	Congregational Life meeting-Parlour
		4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Sun	Mar 13		Daylight Saving begins
		10:30am	Lent 5 -Steve Baldry preaching

*RSCD-Royal Scottish Country Dancers



LOOKING AHEAD



Sun Mar 20 10:30am Palm Sunday Service

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" - location and details to follow, but wear or bring appropriate clothing and foot wear for a hiking trail and bring a lunch as we stop part way to eat. Event should be all finished by 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Sun Mar 27 9:00am Easter Breakfast with Hot Cross Buns
Donations of jams or marmalades would be appreciated.
10:30am Easter Sunday Service



The semi-annual appeal for funds for the Mission & Service budget for 2016 is upon us. Easter offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for this purpose.

Summer camp is just around the corner—your donations help many children from the Inner City

Outreach Program attend this life-changing experience! Thank you for your generosity

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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:
SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH

PSALM 116:1-7

Refrain #1 I know that my Redeemer lives

I love the Lord, who has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because God inclined an ear to me,
therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**

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Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, God saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Reconciliation is not a human possibility

but a God-given gift. Like conversion, reconciliation is ultimately the work of God. Left to ourselves, human beings would be incapable and powerless to effect the reconciliation which God demands. Yet it is part of the mysterious grace of God that God calls together a powerless, despairing group of disciples, infuses them with the hope of the resurrection and the power of the Holy Spirit, and sends them into the whole world with a ministry of reconciliation.

In one sense reconciliation is the work of God's ambassadors, as we build bridges with the gospel of Christ to all those around us. In the deepest sense, however, we are not so much bridge-builders as bridge-crossers. As the mission theologian David Bosch puts it, "The Bridge is already there – our Lord, who in his own body of flesh and blood has broken down the enmity which stood like a dividing wall between us. Christ is the Bridge over which we cross to each other, again and again."

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