



## Have you ever watched someone

make the same mistake repeatedly? Or watched learners struggle without assistance, disregarding your instructions? And you think, "If only they would listen!"

The disciples had been fishing all night without any luck. A man called out to them from shore to "cast their nets on the right side of the boat." These experienced fishermen could have scoffed at the advice — fish swim everywhere, not just on one side of the boat! And who was this man on the shore to tell them how to fish?

Instead, the disciples followed the stranger's command and caught so many fish they could barely haul in the net! As soon as they caught the fish, they recognized the stranger as Jesus.

How often do we insist on doing things our way instead of God's way? Let us remember to listen intentionally for God's instructions, to trust in God's authority, and to follow when God calls us to change our course of action.

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MacNab Street Presbyterian Church  
April 10, 2016 – 3<sup>rd</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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 Lord, our Lord, your glorious name Hymn #5

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 30:10-12 Duty Elder, Dora Anie

Leader: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

**People: O Lord, be my helper!**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing;

**People: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

**All: so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

### 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 Jesus loves me, this I know Hymn #373

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT John 21:1-19 (p.120 NT) Ian Dalziel

ANTHEM Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach

SERMON "God meets us as we are" Steve Baldry

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*PRAISE And can it be that I should gain (vs. 1,3,5) Hymn #352

#### 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 Dora Anie

\*PRAISE All who the name of Jesus bear Hymn #342

#### \*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

#### POSTLUDE

### ASSISTING US TODAY

Church School: Dee Lynch  
Greeters: Dee Lynch, Kay Robertson  
Ushers: John Shields, Merle Jones  
Bob & Marion Cameron  
Reader: Ian Dalziel  
Monitor: Brent Dawson  
Coffee Servers: Warren & Jean Currie, Jim & Fiona Myers  
Duty Elder: Dora Anie

### ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK:

Church School: Lynda Milmine  
Greeters: Hank Wondergem, Vicki Innes  
Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan  
Reader: Bob Cameron  
Monitor: Harry Callaghan  
Coffee Servers: George Donner, Kim Freeman,  
Estelle Joubert, Juanita Taylor  
Duty Elder: Irene Duffey

### PLEASE PRAY FOR.

- ❖ Bob 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

**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 11</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Maintenance Meeting-Parlour</b>
		<b>7:45pm</b>	<b>*RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Prayer Time –Steve's office</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Apr14</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice-Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr 16</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>White Cockade AGM/Dance</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr 17</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

### LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Tues</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>FRIENDLY CIRCLE- ALL LADIES WELCOME</b>
		<b>10:45AM Prayer Group</b>
		<b>12 Noon Bring your lunch</b>
		<b>Coffee, Tea, Birthday Cake provided.</b>

<b>Wed</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>Session Parlour</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>162<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Sunday – More details to follow</b>

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	Year to date 2015	Year to date 2016	Budget
Weekly offerings	\$25,355	\$36,180	\$35,750
Expenses	\$80,947	\$77,442	\$72,218

We are encouraged by the faithfulness of the congregation with our offerings year to date and thank everyone for participating. We urge the congregation to continue prayerfully considering and taking part in this important ministry of giving. Please note: our present budget year is heavily subsidized by a trust fund that is diminishing over time. In other words, our healthy year to date offerings need to continue to increase as we move forward in the future. This is an opportunity for MacNab to turn a corner in our giving patterns, so let's not miss it!

As we consider our ongoing financial contribution to the ministry here at MacNab, may we be inspired by the encouragement that Paul holds out for us in 2 Corinthians 8:7-9 where he says

*"But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."*

May we continue to follow this pattern as we move forward at MacNab.