



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church

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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 our new Children and Youth Worker, Nick, at the front part way through our service for our "children's time" which will feature a short lesson. Following this, children will go to "KidZone" (takes place in the Parlour). Children will re-enter the Sanctuary at the POSTLUDE.

Parents: please pick up your child at the front of the sanctuary front pews by the piano as soon as POSTLUDE is completed. We also ask that (except for CHILDREN'S TIME AND "KidZone") 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!

GATHERING

November 27, 2016

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime arr. D. Wood
Please use this time to quietly prepare yourself for worship.

*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE Duty Elder, Florence Sharman

*PRAISE Let Christian faith and hope dispel Hymn #368

*CALL TO WORSHIP The Candle of Hope

Leader: Today we enter Advent, a season of possibilities, a time of “not yet.” But daily lives reflect human struggles. Sometimes we are surrounded by brokenness—in our lives, among our friends and families, in our worldwide family. Hope seems a far-off vision; yet we yearn for it to fill us. We cry together.

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, in your grace we find hope.

Leader: When hope is lost,

People: restore us, O God.

Leader: When people are hurting,

People: restore us, O God.

Leader: When nations are fighting,

People: restore us, O God.

Leader: when children are hungry,

People: restore us, O God.

Leader: Restore us, God of Life. Bring us closer to hope, the hope that lights the way of the journey to Bethlehem. During this season of waiting may we be open to signs of your restoring love. As we light this first Advent Candle, let us pray for God’s restoration in the midst of brokenness and despair.

We light the first candle, the candle of hope.

ALL Restore us, O God; let your face shine, in your grace we find hope. 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, 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 Praise the Lord Hymn #466

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME Nick Metivier

OLD TESTAMENT Haggai 2:20-23 (p.983 OT) Ruth Pearson

ANTHEM Joy to the World E. Thiman

SERMON "Who's Wearing the Ring"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE Come, thou long-expected Jesus Hymn #110

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***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 Lord of all hopefulness Hymn #748

***BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE Caithness H. Willan
(Hymn tune from the 1635 Scottish Psalter)

ASSISTING US TODAY

Greeters: Estelle Joubert, Jeanne McKenzie
Ushers: Ken & Diane Hopkins, Don & Sheila Campbell
Reader Ruth Pearson
Monitor Don Campbell
Coffee Servers: Barry Betzner, Jina Middleton, Jeff & Karen Butters
Duty Elder: Florence Sharman

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Bill Stanfield, Mina Beatt
Ushers: Jim Myers, Myrtle Inwood,
Claire Salmon, Myrna Cumberbatch
Reader: Ian Dalziel
Monitor: Jim Myers
Coffee Servers: Peter & Bev Mitchell, Lila Stanfield, Hedy Fordham
Duty Deacon: Lila Stanfield

PARKING – if you are able, please use the City Hall lots and take an extra minute or two to walk into MacNab. This way, new comers and those who find it difficult to walk far will have a better experience attending church! Maps available in the Narthex.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- ❖ Doug Wallace in Hamilton General Hospital
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

DID YOU KNOW THAT MACNAB HAS AN OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE?

You can find us at @MacNabStreetChurch. We will be posting event announcements, news, and promotions, and we need your help. If you are on Facebook, it would help us if you could like the page, and share/comment on posts.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017 ARE NOW AVAILABLE in the Narthex

If you do not have a set and would like one, please let the duty elder know, place a note on the offering plate, or contact the church office 905 529-6896 macnabsec@cogeco.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Greeters, Ushers, and Coffee Hour

A great way to meet new people and help share in these Important, welcoming ministries. Duties would begin in April.

Please see Frank Mills during Coffee Hour or call the church office 905 529-6896.



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 4TH

On arrival, please place your unwrapped gift (toys, books, games, clothing for all ages with a special emphasis on teenagers) under the tree in Johnston Hall. Monetary donations are also welcome. The gifts will be delivered to the Inner City Outreach program. They will be included with Christmas Hampers that your donations at Easter and Christmas help fund.

THE CHRISTMAS ELVES will be decorating the Church for the Christmas Season on **Wednesday, December 7** starting at **10am**...coffee and cookies will be supplied, and they would be thrilled if you can find time to help them.

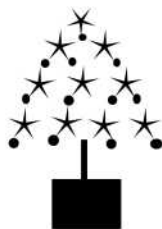
CHRISTMAS MORNING OUTREACH BREAKFAST

After considering various factors, we have decided to offer a community breakfast on Christmas morning from 9-10 a.m., inviting our guests to stay for our 10:30 worship service (which will be abbreviated for Christmas morning). We confirmed that we have enough volunteers through a general sign up list. If you previously signed up, **please visit the sign-up table in Johnston Hall TODAY** to be specific about where you can help. As always, you can also help out with expenses by donating \$5 (or more) over and above your regular weekly offering. Please use your offering envelope and indicate extra donation for Christmas Breakfast on the envelope. Also, if you haven't yet indicated your interest/availability in helping, just sign up today! Please pray that this outreach might be a blessing to many this Christmas morning!
Open to Everyone – Tickets available at the Scottish Rite Cathedral



CHRISTMAS FUN FOR KIDS will take place on Sunday morning, **December 11th**. Preparation is well underway. Here's how you can help:

- Plan now to attend!
- Invite people to come, using the tickets and mini posters provided (just make sure you have permission wherever you put one up).
- Share it on facebook... we will let you know when we (MacNab) posts it – and then you can share it.
- Sign up to help with all the activities we will be offering that day (see table in Johnston Hall).
- Sign up to deliver door to door flyers, starting around November 21st.
- Pray that we might reach many through this event!



LOOKING AHEAD



- Fri Dec 2 6:30pm Dickens of a Christmas Dinner Festive Dinner & Entertainment. Tickets \$20-on sale during Coffee Hour.**
- Sun Dec 4 9:00am & 10:30am Advent 2/Communion Sunday and White Gift Sunday - Please bring an unwrapped gift and place under the tree in Johnston Hall – they will be distributed to the needy in our community. Amnesty International Letter Campaign in Johnston Hall.**
- Wed Dec 7 10:00am Decorating the Sanctuary.**
- Sat Dec 10 5:45pm Inner City Christmas Dinner at Eva Rothwell Centre - Volunteers needed – call Marilyn Repchuck 905-538-8767 or mrepchuck@gmail.com - Donations of a pie or two would be welcome.**
- Sun Dec 11 10:30am Advent 3 “Christmas Fun for Kids!”
(see additional note)**
Nut Free goodies and treats will be gratefully received in the kitchen on Dec 12th, to make our luncheon complete. Thank you in advance to anyone willing to contribute.
- Tues Dec 13 12 noon Friendly Circle Christmas Lunch at The Mandarin on Upper James**
- Sun Dec 18 10:30am Advent 4
7:00pm Carols by Candlelight**
- Sat Dec 24 7:00pm Christmas Eve with Steve Baldry**
- Sun Dec 25 9:00am Christmas Breakfast
10:30am Christmas Service with Steve Baldry**

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

Mon	Nov 28	4:00pm	*OOTC – Johnston Hall
		7:45pm	**RSCD - Johnston Hall
Tues	Nov 29	7:30pm	RSCD - Johnston Hall
Wed	Nov 30	8:00am	Prayer Time in Steve's office
		7:30pm	RSCD - Johnston Hall
		8:00pm	Gathering Band - Sanctuary
Thurs	Dec 1	7:30pm	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Fri	Dec 2	6:30pm	Dickens of a Christmas Dinner
			Festive Dinner & Entertainment
			Tickets \$20 on sale during coffee hour
Sat	Dec 3	4:00pm	OOTC - Johnston Hall
		7:00pm	RSCD Dance
Sun	Dec 4		Advent 2 & Communion Sunday
		9:00am	Gathering
		10:30am	Worship – Steve Baldry preaching

*Out of the Cold

**Royal Scottish Country Dancers

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30AM-12:30PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Sundays at MacNab:

9:00am Johnston Hall
(Relaxed and interactive)

gathering
with God – with others – with others still to come

10:30am Sanctuary
(Rich in Tradition)

Worship Service



"KidZone" - at both 9:00 and 10:30 am- see Nick if interested in helping!