



## 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

December 4, 2016

\*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE: Noel: "The Goodness of God" C. Balbastre  
**Please use this time to quietly prepare yourself for worship.**

\*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE

\*PRAISE Hark the glad sound Hymn #118

\*CALL TO WORSHIP The Candle of Peace Lila Stanfield

Leader: Last Sunday, we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath, the candle of hope. Let us light it again, remembering that the light of hope shines for us in the darkness.

**People: Peace is one of God's gifts to us. John the Baptist was a prophet calling the people of Israel to repent, to find peace with God. John also declared that it is in our actions of love and justice that God's peace is shown. May we by our actions help to prepare the way for the coming of Peace.**

Leader: We light this second candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

His light helps us find ways to share God's peace with others. The prayer of St. Francis asks God to help us be peacemakers. Let us say it together:

**ALL: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; and where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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 Christ, whose glory fills the skies Hymn #177

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 3:1-12 (p. 3 NT) Ian Dalziel

ANTHEM O Child Divine M. Rotermund

SERMON "Getting Ready for Good News" Steve Baldry

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*PRAISE Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding Hymn #116

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 Lila Stanfield

COMMUNION HYMN 'Twas on that night #537  
Stanza 1-4

THE APOSTLES' CREED #539

## COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 'Twas on that night #537  
Stanza 5 & 6

## \*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE 4 Variations on "All Glory be to God on High" J.P. Sweelinck

## **ASSISTING US TODAY**

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

## **ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK**

Greeters: Juanita Taylor, Linda Milmine  
Ushers: Alex Abraham, Lila Stanfield, Doug & Nancy Coutts  
Monitor: John Lumsden  
Coffee Servers: Bart & Sonya Altena, Frank & Irene Mills  
Duty Elder: Diane Hopkins

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- ❖ Doug Wallace recovering at home
- ❖ Mary Evans recovering at home
- ❖ 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.



## **TODAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION TO WHITE GIFT SUNDAY!**

On arrival, please place your unwrapped gift under the tree in Johnston Hall. Monetary donations are also welcome. The gifts will be delivered to the Inner City Outreach program

**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.

## **2016 CHRISTMAS OFFERING for MISSION 2017**

The Mission & Service Committee will have two major, mission-focused offerings at Christmas and Easter instead of multiple requests through the year. Through these offerings the congregation itself will be providing and determining the committee's ability to respond in your name to the many requests for assistance MacNab receives through the year.

**Please use the Christmas Offering Envelope included in today's bulletin** or return your offering no later than Christmas Eve to be sure of receiving credit in your 2016 income tax receipt.

## **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

**CHRISTMAS FUN FOR KIDS** will take place on Sunday morning, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Pray that we might reach many through this event!

## LOOKING AHEAD



- 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](mailto: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 Baldr**

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 2016**  
**WRITE FOR RIGHTS**

*Celebrating Human Rights Day December 10<sup>th</sup>*

*In 2015 3.5 million letters sent for the most difficult Un-resolved cases*

You are invited to visit the Amnesty table in Johnston Hall following today's service to sign letters provided in support of the following cases.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

- More than 100 years ago a treaty was signed between the Canadian government and the Peace River Valley guaranteeing to protect the First Nations way of life. That promise has been broken. The government must withdraw its approval of the Site C Dam a huge hydro-electric project in north eastern BC.
- Annie Alfred's life at risk: Asking protection for Annie and thousands of those born with albinism whose body parts are sought for their belief that the human parts hold magical powers.
- Maxima Acuna Peru: peasant farmer in legal battle with world's largest gold and copper mines, for refusing to leave her land, has braved violent harassment and intimidation. Asking Peru to protect her from any further violence.
- Australian government forcing more than 1000 refugees to live in appalling conditions in immigration Processing Centres on islands in New Guinea. Help end the abuse of people seeking safety and freedom.
- Venezuelan opposition member and LGBT activist Rosmit Mantilla held in prison without any evidence against him. His physical safety is in danger. Asking for his release as he is a prisoner of conscience.
- Ilham Tohti, China, respected university professor: jailed for life--accused of creating ethnic hatred, but works tirelessly to build bridges between ethnic communities.



## THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>*OOTC –Johnston Hall</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Overcomers-Ch House</b>
		<b>7:45pm</b>	<b>**RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Prayer Time in Steve’s office</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Decorating the Sanctuary</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>RSCD-Johnston Hall</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice –Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>OOTC-Johnston Hall</b>
		<b>5:45pm</b>	<b>Inner City Dinner-Rothwell Centre</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Christmas Fun for Kids</b>

\*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)

**Please note:** Gathering will not take place for the next 4 weeks, but will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

**10:30am** Sanctuary

(Rich in Tradition)

Worship Service

**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.