



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 us 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!

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE Variations on "Unto us a child is born" R. Haan

*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE

*PRAISE Oh Come, oh come, Emmanuel Hymn #122

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: **Love** Jina Middleton

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of the love of our Saviour.

People: **For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Leader: I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

People: **and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

All: **Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION (followed by)

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, for ever. 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 Comfort, comfort you my people Hymn #113

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 7:1-17 (p.705) Glenn Cunningham

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 1)

ANTHEM The Virgin's Slumber Song Max Reger
 Michelle Bawden- Soloist

SERMON "Trust vs A Sure Thing" Steve Baldry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE Fight the good fight Hymn #690

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 Jina Middleton

*PRAISE The hands that first held Mary's child Hymn#158

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Variations on "Unto us a child is born" R. Haan

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.



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

We will host 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). Please spread the word, hand out an invitation or share our Facebook event. All welcome!



LOOKING AHEAD

TONIGHT!

Sat	Dec 24	7:00pm	<i>Carols by Candlelight</i>
Sun	Dec 25	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
		9:00 - 10am	Christmas Breakfast
		10:30am	Christmas Day



Worship Service

Sun	Jan 1	10:30 am	New Year's Day Worship
			(Gathering resumes January 8th)

ASSISTING US TODAY

Greeters: Jennifer, India, Sawyer Van Hartingsveldt
Ushers: John Shields, Jennifer Applewhaite
Jim Myers, Marion Cameron
Reader: Glenn Cunningham
Monitor: Brent Dawson
Coffee Servers: Grace Maynard, Jean Hartman, Gerda Wolf, Lynda Milmine
Duty Deacon: Jina Middleton

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Henk Wondergem, Vicki Innes
Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan
Readers: Mike and Alex Mastroluisi
Monitor: John Shields
Coffee Servers: Warren & Jean Currie, Jim & Fiona Myers
Duty Elder: Bill Wright

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- ❖ Family and friends of Mary Evans, mother of Carole MacVicar who died December 13th
- ❖ 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.

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

Mon	Dec 19	4:00pm	*OOTC –Johnston Hall
Wed	Dec 21	8:00am	Prayer Time in Steve's office
Thurs	Dec 22	7:30pm	Choir Practice –Sanctuary
Sat	Dec 24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sun	Dec 25	9:00am	Christmas Pancake Breakfast
		10:30am	Worship –Steve Baldry Preaching

*Out of the Cold

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 2 weeks, but will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

10:30am Sanctuary

(Rich in Tradition)

Worship Service

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

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