



## MacNab Street Presbyterian Church

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### **WELCOME TO MACNAB!**

Thank you for taking the time to worship this morning at MacNab.

Are you 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!

Do you have children? They are invited to join us at the front part way through our service for our “children’s time”. Following this, children will go to “KidZone” (takes place in the Parlour). Children will re-enter the Sanctuary at the POSTLUDE and parents can pick up their children at the front of the sanctuary 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! This includes new children who may not yet be comfortable going to “KidZone.” Change tables are located in both the ladies’ and men’s washrooms adjacent to Johnston Hall.**

Are you looking for a church? We invite you 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 3, 2017

\*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

Noel: Ou S'en vont Ces gais bergers

C. Balbastre

\*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE

Duty Elder, Alex Abraham

\*PRAISE

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymn #110

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - ADVENT I , see insert

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, followed by 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

On Jordan's Bank

Hymn #126

*Parents, please have your child join Steve as we begin singing the final verse*

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Steve Baldry

ANTHEM

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

B. Guse

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 1:1-8 (.35 NT)

Myrna Cumberbatch

MESSAGE

"The Beginning of the Good News"

Steve Baldry

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE	I waited for the Lord my God	Hymn #23
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION		
PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY MUSIC	Gesu Bambino	P. Yon
DOXOLOGY		
<b>All:</b>	<b>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.</b>	
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Hymn #539	
LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION		Alex Abraham
COMMUNION HYMN	'Twas on that night Verses 1-4	Hymn #537
THE APOSTLES' CREED		#539
COMMUNION		
COMMUNION HYMN	'Twas on that night Verses 5,6	Hymn #537
*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN		
POSTLUDE	Puer Nobis Nascitur	arr. R. Haan

## ASSISTING US TODAY

Greeters:	Juanita Taylor, Doug Demerchant
Ushers:	Myrtle Inwood, Myrna Cumberbatch, Lila Stanfield, Claire Salmon
Reader:	Myrna Cumberbatch
Monitor:	Don Campbell
Coffee Servers:	Jim & Fiona Myers, Bob & Marion Cameron
Duty Elder:	Alex Abraham

## **ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK**

Greeters: Chris & Brent Dawson  
Ushers: Jim Myers, Marion Cameron, Alex Abraham, Anne Hunter  
Reader : Glenn Cunningham  
Monitor: Kevin Russell  
Coffee Servers: Juanita Taylor, Brad & Gen McIntyre,  
Fiona Myers, Marguerite Gilbert  
Duty Elder : Dora Anie

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- ❖ Jennifer Applewhaite undergoing knee surgery December 5th
- ❖ Peace in an anxious, suffering world
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS THIS WHITE GIFT SUNDAY** 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.

**THANKS ALSO** to the Christmas Elves who decorated the Sanctuary so beautifully this past week.

**INNER CITY OUTREACH MINISTRY** will be holding their Annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, **December 9th** at the Eva Rothwell Centre on Wentworth St. North. MacNab Street people have volunteered to help serve and clean up for many years now. If you can help that evening please speak to Marilyn Repchuck, or e-mail her at [mrepchuck@gmail.com](mailto:mrepchuck@gmail.com) or call 226-938-7959. Thank you for your support.



### **2017 CHRISTMAS OFFERING for MISSION 2018**

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.

**Please use the Christmas Offering Envelope included in today's bulletin** (or simply note on your regular envelope) and return no later than Christmas Eve to be sure of receiving credit in your 2017 income tax receipt.

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018 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](mailto:macnabsec@cogeco.ca)

**Please Note: If you have been using "My Gift" envelopes on a regular basis you will now have a set of offering envelopes for your use in 2018.**

**An usher will be pleased to assist you to locate them if needed.**



**LOST & FOUND:** We now have a Lost & Found box. It is located beside the white mail boxes on the table in the Narthex.



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Fri Dec 8 6:30pm Dickens of a Christmas Dinner  
Festive Dinner & Entertainment. Tickets \$20-on sale during Coffee Hour**

**Sat Dec 9 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) .**

**Sun Dec 10 10:30am Advent 2 “Christmas Fun for Kids!”  
Please note: One Service Only on this Sunday!  
Invitation Cards to share with friends and family in the Narthex. Also, “like”  
“share” this event on Facebook**

**Tues Dec 12 12 noon Friendly Circle Christmas Lunch at  
The Mandarin on Upper James**

**Sun Dec 17 9 & 10:30am Advent 3  
7:00pm *Carols by Candlelight***

**Sun Dec 24 9 & 10:30am Advent 4 – Morning Worship  
7:00pm Christmas Eve with Steve Baldry**

**Sun Dec 31 9 & 10:30 Morning Worship**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP – ADVENT 1**

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.**

## THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

<b>TODAY!</b>		<b>12 NOON</b>	<b>Baby Shower -Parlour</b>
Mon	Dec 4	4:00pm	Out of the Cold -Johnston Hall
Tues	Dec 5	7:00pm	Gathering Band-Johnston Hall
Wed	Dec 6	8:00am	Prayer Group -Steve's office
Thurs	Dec 7	7:30pm	Choir practice -Sanctuary
Fri	Dec 8	6:30pm	Dickens of a Christmas Dinner
	Tickets \$20 – on sale during Coffee Hour in the Church Hall		
Sat	Dec 9	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Sun	Dec 10	10:30am	Christmas Fun For Kids!
			(One service only for this Sunday)

**Sundays at MacNab:**  
**9:00am** Johnston Hall  
(Relaxed and interactive)

**gathering**  
with God ~ with others ~ with others still to come

**HELP NEEDED!** Steve needs six volunteers for about 45 minutes next Saturday at 6:30 pm (Dec 9) to help set up for Christmas Fun For Kids the following day. See Steve today.

### **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.

**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

**DAILY MATTERS HOMEWORK AND SMALL GROUP EVALUATION:** If you participated in the daily homework OR attended any/all of the group sessions these past 5 weeks, your feedback would be welcome. Evaluation forms are on the table in the Narthex..