



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO MACNAB!

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning and hope that you enjoy our "Christmas Fun for Kids" service.

Parents: we ask that your child(ren) remain with you at all times while at MacNab including the service and during the reception in Johnston Hall. If you are caring for an infant please bring them into the sanctuary for the service. If they fuss, don't worry about it... fussing babies are "music to our ears!" If you need to attend to your infant outside of the sanctuary, ushers will direct you to a quiet room.

Following our service, there will be a lunch reception in Johnston Hall. We will eat first and then parents are asked to accompany children to the various activities which will include: face painting, cookie decorating, balloon animals, crafts and carnival games. If your child needs to use the washrooms at any time throughout the morning service or reception that follows, please accompany them to the washroom. In other words, we appreciate that your child will be in your care throughout this entire event.

If you are looking for a church, you are invited to consider making MacNab your weekly place of worship. Each Sunday, we offer the choice of "Gathering" at 9 a.m. and a Traditional Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. "KidZone" takes place during services as well!

Hearing assistance is available. Ushers will be happy to assist.

Carols by Candlelight - December 17th - 7:00pm



Christmas Eve Service - December 24th - 7:00



December 10, 2017

If you have kids, sit closer to the front so you can see better!

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Steve Baldry

*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE Joy to the World Hymn #153

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lighting the Second Advent Candle: Peace Dora Anie

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 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.

*PRAISE

Away in a manger

Hymn #149

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:4-7

Glenn Cunningham

Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

"The Gifts that came early"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE

Silent Night

Hymn #154

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

Dora Anie

*PRAISE

Hark! The herald angels sing

Hymn #139

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS that have helped in so many different ways to make today's Worship presentation possible. From promotion, to musical contributions, to behind the scenes, lunch, activity preparations and everybody else!!! We are grateful! Just a couple of special mentions included:

Puppet Band: Bob Cameron, Marion Dale, J'ina Middleton, Lila Stanfield
Puppet Actors: Gen McIntyre, Greg Millar, Wendy Renault, Gerald Smink
Voices: Miriam Janssen, Greg Millar, Wendy Renault, Gerald Smink
Opening Poem: Glenn Cunningham Sound Tech: Billy Wright
Sound Production: Aiden Halliday Props: Nichole Halliday, Lily Romano

RICHARD AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU to the congregation as a whole. We were so touched by the love, generosity and support we received at our baby shower. We are so excited for the arrival of our little one! Thank you so much! Janine Mastroluisi.



ASSISTING US TODAY

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

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Bill Stanfield, Mina Beatt
Ushers: Ken & Diane Hopkins, Don & Sheila Campbell
Reader: Mair Davies
Monitor: John Shields
Coffee Servers: Doug & Nancy Coutts, Peter & Bev Marshall
Duty Elder : Irene Duffey

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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



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.

Christmas offering envelopes are available in the Narthex (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@coqeco.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

Tues **Dec 12** **12 noon** **Friendly Circle Christmas Lunch
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**

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

Mon	Dec 11	4:00pm	Out of the Cold -Johnston Hall
Tues	Dec 12	12 noon	Friendly Circle meet at the Mandarin
		7:00pm	Gathering Band-Johnston Hall
Wed	Dec 13	8:00am	Prayer Group -Steve's office
Thurs	Dec 14	7:30pm	Choir practice -Sanctuary
Sat	Dec 16	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Sun	Dec 17	9:00am	Gathering – Johnston Hall
		10:30am	Traditional Worship -Sanctuary
		Steve Baldry preaching at both services	
		7:00pm	Carols by Candlelight Service

Sundays at MacNab:

9:00am Johnston Hall
(Relaxed and interactive)



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	YTD 2016	YTD 2017	Budget
Congregational Support	136,911	150,015	151,250
Expenses	265,750	278,710	278,922