



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 17, 2017

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

Variations on Sussex Carol

Arr. R. Haan

*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE

Duty Elder, Irene Duffey

*PRAISE

Angels from the realms of glory

Hymn #146

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Lighting the Third Candle of Advent - Joy

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.

People: May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

Leader: May the Joy of Christ fill our hearts and minds.

People: May the joy of our salvation spread to our neighbors and our communities until all the world chimes into our shouts of praise.

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, 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.

ASSISTING US TODAY

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 Mitchell
Duty Elder : Irene Duffey

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Bill & Barbara Lewis
Ushers: Alex Abraham, Myrtle Inwood, Doug & Nancy Coutts
Reader: Barry Betzner
Monitor: Frank Mills
Coffee Servers: Lila Stanfield, Hedy Fordham,
Chris Stephens, Josephine Patterson
Duty Elder: Marguerite Gilbert

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- ❖ 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.

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.



A HUGE THANK YOU!!! to everyone who helped make last Sunday's Kids Sunday event such a success!! 226 in attendance with over 50 children!

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.

THE WINTER EDITION OF PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTION

Is now available in the Narthex. This newspaper is published quarterly and is free of charge to all members and friends of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Enjoy articles, letters, photos, crossword, and more.



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



UPDATE ON BREAKFAST OUTREACHES AT MACNAB

For the past two years, MacNab has offered holiday weekend breakfast outreaches that have been a blessing to the hundreds who have attended, including the volunteers. Recently, we conducted both a written and open meeting evaluation of these outreaches. For the most part, we agree that the outreaches should continue with a few modifications.

1. *We require that more volunteers sign up/ commit to the event in advance.*
In an effort to ease the burden on organizers to mobilize volunteers we will be asking for commitments in advance.
2. *We will no longer be relying on grant funding for this initiative.*
Many of our new initiatives (“Gathering,” Summer VBC in 2016/17, paid Children’s and Youth Position, and Outreach Breakfasts) have been funded with start-up grants which Steve raised during his first two years at MacNab. Because the breakfasts are now part of our “ministry fabric”, we cannot continue to rely on grants for funding. Each breakfast event costs approximately \$500-600. Anyone who wishes to contribute **over and above** their normal offerings to help offset costs, can simply include it anytime with their regular offering, indicating the amount to be allocated to “breakfasts”.
3. *Frequency of the outreaches will be modified if necessary, depending on how things unfold with 1-2 above.*

In light of these modifications, sign up lists for our next Family Day Breakfast Outreach on **Monday, February 19th** will be available starting next **Sunday, December 24th through to Sunday February 4th**. All those who plan to serve/ participate are asked to visit the sign-up table and make a commitment by February 4th.

Your enthusiastic support will allow us to continue to offer this valued MacNab ministry. Thank you!



TONIGHT! 7:00PM
Carols by Candlelight

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

Mon	Dec 18	4:00pm	Out of the Cold -Johnston Hall
Tues	Dec 19	7:00pm	Gathering Band-Johnston Hall
Wed	Dec 20	8:00am	Prayer Group -Steve's office
Thurs	Dec 21	7:30pm	Choir practice -Sanctuary
Sat	Dec 23	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Sun	Dec 24	9:00am	Gathering-Johnston Hall
		10:30am	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
		7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service

No Prayer meeting on Wednesday, December 27th

Sun	Dec 31	9:00am	Gathering-Johnston Hall
		10:30am	Traditional Worship



Steve Baldry preaching at all services

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