

MacNab Street Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS EVE 2017

Welcome Steve Baldry

Opening Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful #159

Advent Reading: Christmas Candle Doug and Nancy Holmes

(from Christmas Appeal 2016)

Voice 1: Love-shine, your moment has come. In the dark of the womb you waited. Bathed in the balm of the star, you rest. Into a world sorely in need of your light, you are born.

Voice 2: When you knock on our door looking for room, may we welcome you. Like the herald of your birth, call us to share your good news first with those who are poor, excluded and afraid.

All: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out. (The Christ candle is lit)

Voice 1: The love of heaven has come to Earth.

Voice 2: The call of Christ begins in a baby's cry. Listen and respond.

All: We light the Christ candle. May it light the way

Solo: One Bright Star (J. Jarvis) Megan Miholics

Reading: John 1:9-14 Lily Romano

Carol: Infant Holy, Infant lowly #143

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 Lyn Mastroluisi

Anthem: Silent Night F. Gruber

Reading: Luke 2:8-20 Jackie Trapp

Solo: Noel (C. Tomlin) Jessica Holmes

Reflection: "Seeking Jesus" Steve Baldry

Prayer Wendy Renault

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.

Offering

Carol:

Good Christians, all rejoice

#141

Benediction

GIFTS THAT REALLY DO KEEP ON GIVING

Your special Christmas Offering gifts will be used throughout the coming year by our Mission and Service Committee to respond to the needs of our community, and to spread God's love in tangible ways throughout the city of Hamilton, across Canada, and around the world.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to those who need it most.

A special Thank You to our readers this evening and Organist and Music Director, Gerald Smink, the Senior Choir, Megan Miholics and Jessica Holmes for their musical contribution to this evening's service.

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.

Sundays at MacNab:

9:00am Johnston Hall
(Relaxed and Interactive)

gathering
with God - with others - with others still to come

10:30am Sanctuary
(Rich and Traditional)

Worship Service

Children's Program - "KidZone" available at both services each Sunday.