



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 24, 2017

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE Please join us in singing the following Christmas Hymns:
138, 144 and 135

*ENTRY OF THE WORD & PRAISE Duty Elder, Marguerite Gilbert

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lighting the Fourth Advent

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, 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 Comfort, comfort you my people Hymn #113
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 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly arr. D. Willcocks
NEW TESTAMENT Luke 1:26-38, 46-55 Barry Betzner
MESSAGE "Mary's Song" Steve Baldry

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE The hands that first held Mary's child Hymn #158
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY MUSIC Christmas Eve J. Hodd
Duet: Marilyn Repchuck, Marguerite Gilbert

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 Marguerite Gilbert
*PRAISE Fight the good fight Hymn # 690

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE How Bright Shineth The Day-Star! M. Dupre

ASSISTING US TODAY

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

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Marina Watson, Frances Guildford
Ushers: Frank & Irene Mills, Harry & Annette Callaghan
Reader : Ian Rowe
Monitor: Ken Hopkins
Coffee Servers: Warren & Jean Currie, Grace Maynard, Gerda Wolf
Duty Elder : Diane Hopkins

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- ❖ The Kisaka family in the loss of Austin's brother, Faustin
The service will take place at MacNab on December 30th, 11:30am
- ❖ Peace in an anxious, suffering world
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

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

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.



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 provided in the Narthex or (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.

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.



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 receive grant funding for this initiative.*
Because the breakfasts are now part of our “ministry fabric”, we cannot continue to rely on start up grants previously raised. Each breakfast event costs approximately \$500-600. Anyone who wishes to contribute \$5 **over and above** their normal offerings to help offset costs, can simply include it 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 Family Day Breakfast Outreach on **Monday, February 19th** will be available starting **TODAY, 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. Here is a list of the number of helpers we need:

<u>Sunday evening</u> (18 th)	Set up:	12
<u>Family Day</u> (19 th)	Early Cooking (7:30-8:45):	8
	Late Cooking (8:45-9:45):	7
	Serving (9- 10):	12
	Serving (10-11):	12
	Clean Up (9:15-10:15)	4
	Clean Up (10:15-11:45):	8
	Greeters/Monitors (9-10)	6
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***you can have breakfast opposite the time you are volunteering!**



TONIGHT!

7:00PM

Christmas Eve Service

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

Wed	Dec 27		No Prayer Group this week
Thurs	Dec 28		No Choir Practice this week
Sat	Dec 30	4:00pm	Out of the Cold-Johnston Hall
Sun	Dec 31	9:00am	Gathering-Johnston Hall
		10:30am	Traditional Worship-Sanctuary

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