

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS
www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca
Sunday, April 24th, 2016



Mission Statement

Our vision is to be a local community of believers where:

- Jesus Christ is head;
- The Bible has the ultimate authority as the true, infallible and complete Word of God;
- Salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in His finished work on the cross is preached;
- The Gospel of Christ is spread in our community, our nation and around the world in both work and action;
- Believers encourage each other and hold others in higher regard than themselves so that each may use the gifts God has given him/her to the glory of God.

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Mission Awareness Sunday

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Joan Richardson

Call to Worship

Nancy MacDonald

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Come together as Christ's people, with wonder and with praise.

P: We are called to serve, and called to reach out.

L: You are the light of the world.

P: Let our light shine! May God fill us with compassion as we worship.

Prayer of Adoration & Approach (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn # 641

One more step along the world I go

Prayer of Confession

Donna Lyle

Lord, sometimes we take you for granted. We ignore your voice and forget your way. Out of anger, we say the wrong things and hurt those closest to us. Out of ignorance, we accuse and blame others for faults which lie in ourselves.

Out of selfishness, we make bad choices that hurt us, and others and you. Out of greed, we pollute the Earth you created for us.

Merciful God, we admit that we get discouraged. We underestimate your light within us. Forgive us when we turn away from the needs of others. Help us to reach out in faith, and to be generous. Empower us to be your beacon of light in a troubled world, through Christ, Amen.

We Hear God's Word

O. T. Lesson:

Exodus 3:1-12a

Joan Richardson

Responsive Psalm

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Children's Hymn # 674

In the bulb there is a flower

Children's Story

Don't just assume

Donna Lyle

N.T. Epistle Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

Judy Munroe

N. T. Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13-26

Sermon

*Learning and Reaching Out
Together in Love* Carol Ferguson

Our Response to God

Hymn # 489

Help us to help each other, Lord

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Judy Munroe

Offering

Offertory

Men's Choir

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Carol Ferguson

Hymn # 635

Brother, sister, let me serve you

We go out in service

Benediction & Choral Amen

Rev. Bob Lyle

WELCOME We welcome everyone to this service of worship this Lord's Day and pray that this will be a time of blessing for all. There is no Coffee Fellowship this morning due to an event in the hall.

Nursery Jennifer March and Lucy MacKinnon

Next Sunday Thelma MacKillop and Lisa MacKenzie

Sunday School Shepherd

- Brian Mikkelsen

Greeters for the North and South Doors

- Carol Ferguson
- Judy Munroe

Greeter for the Choir Room Door

- Linda Greaves

Ushers

Ada MacIntosh, Alice Edwards, Beth Matheson, Susan Jessen,
Eileen MacLean, Jean MacQueen

Hospital Visitation

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THIS WEEK

Monday - 7:30 p.m.

Grace Bible Study in the Upper Hall

Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.

Session Meeting in the Shaw Room

Saturday - 2-4 p.m.

Spring Tea in the Upper Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

On **Monday, May 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. there will be several of our local school choirs and a ukulele group in the church to have a night of music to give support for our Syrian families. There is hope that some of the Syrian people might be present for this special occasion. A free will offering will be taken.

Mission Moments – Nepal Earthquake – One Year Later

When the 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal on April 25, 2015—one year ago—it seemed to Saraswati Purkoti that all hope was lost. The single mother lost her home and livelihood in the tragic disaster. “I was cutting grass with my son when the earth started trembling. We hugged each other, crying,” she shares. With support from Presbyterian World Service & Development, Saraswati has been provided with seeds and tools to build a greenhouse. She is now earning a steady income as a vegetable farmer and her children no longer go to bed hungry. PWS&D, in

collaboration with partners at the ACT Alliance, is helping people touched by this tragedy rebuild their livelihoods and find the strength to move forward.

PWS&D provides support after natural disasters

NOVA SCOTIA LEADERSHIP PRAYER BREAKFAST

Life Stories of Hope

Hosted by:

Wendy Bergfeldt

In conversation with
Featured Guests:



Adam Hanna

A veteran with the Canadian Forces who served in Afghanistan, the death of a close friend resulted in him turning his life around.



Terri Carabin

A mother whose son was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident, but knows the bonds we have with our loved ones are everlasting.



Rob Atkinson

A brain cancer survivor, once given seven days to live, who delivers a message of hope to those going through storms in life.

Friday, May 6, 2016 7:30 am

Membertou Trade & Convention Centre, Sydney
Tickets \$25/person \$200/table
RSVP by May 1

cbprayerbreakfast.com

Musical Guest: **Aaron Lewis**

