

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS
www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca
Sunday, May 29th, 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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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Reader

Bill Sneddon
Richard Dulvy

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 313 O worship the King

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson: 1 Kings 18: 20-21, 30-39 (p. 254)

Responsive Psalm # 96 (p. 426)

Hymn #641 One more step along the world I go

Children's Story Faith

N.T. Epistle Lesson Galatians 1: 1-12 (p. 823)

N. T. Gospel Lesson Luke 7: 1-10 (p. 730)

Sermon **A Faith story**

Our Response to God

Hymn # 683 I know not why such wondrous grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Solo The Stranger of Galilee

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 350 To God be the glory

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

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.

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Alice Edwards and Mildred MacLean.

Nursery Linda Greaves and Sharon Morrison

Next Sunday Sharon McKay and Nancy MacDonald

Sunday School Shepherd

- Bradley Gillespie

Greeter at the South Door

- Katherine Hardy

Greeter at the Choir Door

- Donald Morrison

Hospital Visitation

Linda Ross 562-2962

Gary Grant 567-1411

Ushers for June

Tom MacRae (C), Joan Richardson, Kevin Richardson, Ruby Skinner, Todd Gouthro, Michael Butler

Readings for next week

1 Kings 17: 8-16; Psalm 146; Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 7: 11-17

MEMORIALS

To the Benevolent Fund

- IMO Gordon Morrison from wife Margaret and family

Today

MERCY IN OUR TIME: A DIALOGUE AMONG THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

A Jewish, Muslim and Christian interfaith prayer service and conference
Where: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot Street, Sydney
When: **2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Why: To celebrate a common faith heritage based on peace, justice and concern for the other. All people of good will are welcome.

Mira Pastoral Charge will be holding a Hymn Sing **at 7:00 p.m.** at Union Church in support of St. Mary's Polish Church. Mira Gaelic Choir and St. Mary's Choir will take part. Free will offering.

176th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines will be celebrated in worship. The service is at **7:00 p.m.** celebrating favourite hymns in the life of the congregation followed by a time of fellowship. Everyone is invited to share in this special occasion.

This Week

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Session will meet

Wednesday

10:30 – 1:00 p.m. Trinity Anglican Church, Queen Street, Sydney Mines, will be holding a Turkey Burger sale. Cost \$8.00. Eat in or take out. Please use the side entrance. Church phone number 902-736-2300. If you call please leave a message and we will get back to you.

Friday 12:10

CUC will meet

Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The Cove Ladies' Auxiliary Yard sale. If you have any items to donate please call Gwen Shepard 562-4055 or Mabel Thompson 562-2046. Starting this week some things will be stored in a room in the lower hall. Please call 902-564-5069 to make arrangements for bringing them. Your contributions last year helped make our sale a big success. Thank you for your assistance. Mabel and Gwen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 5th 7:00 p.m.

Summer Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary. Please invite friends to come.

Sunday, June 12th

After the morning service we will recognize our graduates for 2016.

Saturday, June 18th 11:00-2:00

Fun Day... Join us for lots of fun, games, music and of course our BBQ. Bring your family and friends.

We are asking for donations of cookies for Family Fun Day. Please drop them off on the morning of the event. Thank you for your help with making our event great.

Also, we are looking for some volunteers to help out with fun day, especially in the kitchen. If you are able to help, please give your name to Carol Ferguson or Bob Lyle.

PRESBYTERY WORKSHOP

TOPIC: Narrative/Storytelling Preaching

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod

For Whom: Elders, Lay Worship Team, Ministers, Anyone involved in sermon preparation, Any interested persons

Dates and Places: Thursday, June 23rd from 7-9 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Baddeck

If planning to attend, please inform David Sneddon 567-2374 or Joan Richardson 564-5140

Each day's workshop will feature different material. **It would be beneficial to attend both sessions**, but if you are unable to go to both events, we hope you can come to one of them.

Before coming to the workshop, Dr. MacLeod asks us to think about how we approach sermon preparation.

This promises to be a thought-provoking and helpful event. We hope you can join us.

Camp MacLeod

We are looking ahead to the 2016 summer season and have a few suggestions for grocery donations for anyone able to give.

Kraft Dinner	Rice	Pizza Sauce
Canned/Bottled Spaghetti Sauce	Pasta	Ketchup
Canned lunch meat (flakes of ham, chicken, etc.)	Mustard	
Cake mixes (i.e. Brownie mix, etc.)	Relish	Jams
Peanut Butter	Cheese Whiz	Corn Pops
Salad Dressings (Caesar, ranch, Italian)	Rice Krispies	Fruit Loops
Hamburger helper	(No Corn Flakes)	
White flour	Sugar (white, brown, icing)	
Soap Powder		

Mission Moments – Making connections through music

For the past 19 years, *Presbyterians Sharing* has supported Brian Johnston, an English teacher at the Theological Seminary of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Cluj, Romania. Besides teaching, Brian has directed a choir made up of students from the seminary. In the words of choir member Emese Nagy: “It is great to feel how, in music, all the boundaries of the different languages and nationalities vanish. There is no more Hungarian-Romanian conflict, there is no ‘me’ and ‘the other’. There is just ‘us’ connected in beautiful harmony.” Brian will retire on May 31, 2016. We are grateful for his years of faithful and passionate service. Please pray for Brian as he begins the next stage of his life. *Presbyterians Sharing supports international mission staff*