

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
Corner of George & Brookland Streets  
Sydney, NS  
[www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca](http://www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca)  
Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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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**Summer Communion Services  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.**

Organ Prelude  
Announcements  
Reader

Bradley Gillespie  
Eileen Mac Lean

**We Gather Together – Our Approach to God**

Call to Worship  
Prayer of Adoration & Approach (The Lord's Prayer)  
Hymn # 416                      Blessed Jesus, at your word  
Prayer of Confession  
Report on General Assembly

1. Sarah Kate MacKinnon
2. Charles Greaves

**We Hear God's Word**

O. T. Lesson:	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14	(p. 260)
Responsive Psalm #	77: 1-2, 11-20	(p. 416)
Hymn #631	Jesus' hands were kind hands	
Children's Story		
N.T. Epistle Lesson	Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	(p. 825)
N. T. Gospel Lesson	Luke 9: 51-62	(p. 734)
Sermon	<b>Fit for service</b>	

**Our Response to God**

Hymn # 569                      O Jesus, I have promised  
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession  
Offering & Offertory  
Anthem                              If you call me, Lord    Hastings/Catherwood  
Doxology (#830)  
Prayer of Dedication  
(Elders will take their place at the Communion Table, those sitting in the balcony and wanting to take part in the Communion service and the choir will come down into the main sanctuary during the singing of this hymn.)  
Reception of New Members

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn # 548

Let us break bread together

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 670

Amazing grace

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. Being received into the congregation today is Marjorie Carter and Edwin Dulvy by decision of Session. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service when we will have the recognition of our graduates. We will also be recognizing three of our Elders from the congregation: Donald Morrison and Bill Sneddon for their long years of service as members of the Session and Byron MacLeod, who the Session has given the title of Elder Emeritus, after having received and granted his resignation from Session. On duty today are Sue MacRae and Merle Davis.

Today is the last day of Sunday School classes for the summer. Nursery care is provided during the summer months at Sunday morning services for infants and toddlers up to age 3. There are always two people on duty and new families and visitors are most welcome.

**Nursery**

Angela Gillespie and Nancy MacDonald

**Next Sunday**

Sandra MacLean and Shirley Adams

**Sunday School Shepherd**

Bill Sneddon

**Greeter at the South Door**

Jean MacQueen

**Greeter at the Choir Door**

Mac Cameron

### **Congregational Meeting**

At the meeting on Monday night the congregation decided

1. to keep the Manse until the present Minister leaves/retires doing necessary and safety repairs, as we have in the past. Re-consider sell/keep when present Minister has left.
2. that as the chairs in the hall are stored in stacks of eight (8) that thirty-two (32) chairs be purchased along with four (4) wheeled racks with funds from the General Funds and that the Congregation be encouraged to support this project through special donations. (It was estimated each chair was about \$50.)
3. that the Board of Managers purchase a new sign for the front of the church with money from General Funds if possible or support this with funds from the Board of Trustees.

### **Readings for next week**

2 Kings 5: 1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6: 1-6, 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

### **Ushers for July**

Beth Matheson (C), Jorelle Tsogo, Andrew Murphy, Donald Munroe, Pat Munroe, Vivian Morrison

### **MEMORIALS**

#### **To the Current Fund**

- In memory of Dr. Rev. Murdock MacRae from Kevin & Joan Richardson

**This evening at 6:00 p.m.**

Outdoor Hymnboree...a casual, intergenerational hymn sing hosted by St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines (643 Main St.) followed by pot-luck sundaes on the lawn! Bring your enthusiasm “to make a joyful noise” of praise together, a lawn chair, insect repellent and a favourite sundae topping to add to the table. (Ice-cream/sherbet will be provided.) Inclement weather...no problem, we will just move our lawn chairs and the sundae table inside to the hall!

**ADVANCED NOTICES**

Please note that Camp MacLeod will have their Commissioning Service **next Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 2:30 pm at Union PC, Albert Bridge. A fellowship time will be held at the Camp following the service. Everyone is welcome. This is a good time to visit the camp to see the improvements that have been made over the years, meet the summer staff and to experience a nice afternoon out in nature and beside the Mira River. Envelopes are available for allocation to Camp MacLeod. Please make cheques payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Here are a few suggestions for grocery donations for anyone able to give.

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

The Barra MacNeil’s will be performing their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special on **Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. Tickets are \$30 each and are on sale now at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney and Sexton’s Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or reserve them by contacting [f.johnston@bellaliant.net](mailto:f.johnston@bellaliant.net). This will be a concert you will always remember and where can you see this fabulous group for such a low price. Save the date on your calendars and let’s spread the word.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School will be held in the hall the week of August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. It will be from 9-11:30 each day and will be for children from 4-12.

### **Mission Moments – An international presence of peace**

*Presbyterians Sharing* recently supported Diane Tait-Katerberg and the Rev. Gordon Timbers for three months as they participated in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), a program of the World Council of Churches. EAPPI is supporting both Israelis and Palestinians who are affected by the occupation, violence and human rights abuses. An international presence of peace advocates helps diffuse tense situations and encourages both Israelis and Palestinians working together for peace and human dignity. To date, six Presbyterians have served with the EAPPI in different placements. Please pray for those who work for peace in Palestine and Israel.  
*Presbyterians Sharing supports peace efforts*

