

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS
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Sunday, September 25th, 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.
Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Reader

Lisa MacKenzie

Catherine Sneddon

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

L: Know that the Lord is God.

All: It is God that made us and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

L: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to God, bless God's name

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

L: God of the Universe, we come to worship and to praise you because you are the creator of all things.

All: You spoke and the earth and everything in it was made.

L: You came to us as Jesus Christ; as he spoke he taught us about your great love for us,

All: a love that is to be shared with others.

L: You come to us today through your Holy Spirit who continues to speak your word to us;

All: your Spirit teaches us how to love and care for ourselves and for others.

L: Holy Triune God, kindle in us the fire of your love and set our hearts ablaze with

excitement for your enlivening word this day.

All: All glory, honour, and praise be yours, our Holy Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Counselor. Our Father...

Hymn # 481

Blest be the tie that binds

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, We know that we are your people and have committed ourselves to live as Jesus calls us to live. Forgive us when we fail to follow Jesus and when we forget that all we have is truly yours to be used according to your will. Forgive us for our self-centeredness, when we see money and possessions as ours only to be used as we see fit. Forgive us when we see others in need and refuse to help even though we are able to offer them support. Let us offer our personal prayers of confession in a moment of silence. (*moment of silence*)

Merciful and patient Lord, we humbly seek forgiveness for all the sin of our lives and the sin of the world. In the name of Jesus, our blessed Redeemer we pray. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

O. T. Lesson:	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15	(p.561)
Responsive Psalm #	91: 1-6, 14-16	(p.424)
Hymn # 631	Jesus hands were kind hands	
Children's Story		
N.T. Epistle Lesson	1 Timothy 6: 6-19	(p.841)
N. T. Gospel Lesson	Luke 16: 19-31	(p.741)
Sermon	God knows us by name	

Our Response to God

Hymn # 635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

God of grace,

We give thanks for our spiritual connectedness to you and for the power, wisdom, and strength you give us. We give thanks for our spiritual connectedness with other Christians and the love, support and care we receive from our sisters and brothers in the body of Christ. Thank you for the people you put in our path each day and for the way we can see the image of Christ in their faces, especially those who are in great need. Thank you that you are with us in the challenges we face and thank you for the ways you help us grow stronger as we work through our challenges.

Thank you for listening to our prayers; inspire us to listen for your voice as we pray for others, so that we may discern what you call us to do to help. God of love, we now bring to you our prayers for others. In this moment of silence, we pray for your blessings on those who need healing and comforting: (*silent prayer*)

Almighty God, on this *Presbyterians Sharing* Sunday, we ask you to empower all the ministries and mission of our national church. Help us to learn about the important work that is being done as your people are ministered to and inspired to seek after you. We pray for all the people supported by *Presbyterians Sharing* and ask that you would lead them in the work you have given them to do, whether in Canada or in other lands. We especially pray for the people who are working with those who sit at the gates of our rich communities praying for help. Gracious God, show us how we can get to know these laborers in your fields and appreciate the work they do. Show us how we can get to know the people who are being helped. Loving Lord, help us to be your eyes, feet, and hands in our world, bringing your love and care to people in need. We pray all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

Anthem

We are the hands of Christ

Words by John Parker, Music by Joel Raney

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 672

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

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 Jean, Donna, Dorothy and Edna MacKinnon.

Sunday School has begun, Preschool to Grade 7. Children walk out to Sunday School after the Minister's children's story.

The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Muriel MacCormack whose funeral service was Thursday morning and to the family of Jessie Livingstone whose memorial service was Friday afternoon.

Nursery Joan Grant and Susan Jessen

Next Sunday Nancy MacDonald and Angela Gillespie

Sunday School Shepherd

- Bill Sneddon

Greeter at the North Door

- Katherine Hardy

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

- Donald Morrison

Hospital Visitation

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467 Larry Victory 562-0944

Ushers for October

Donnie Brown (C), Heather MacQueen, Glayne MacQueen, Alan Skinner, Brenda Skinner, Jean Gillespie

Readings for next week

Lamentations 1: 1-6, 3: 19-26; Psalm 37: 1-9; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14;
Luke 17: 5-10

MEMORIALS

To the Sunday School Fund

- In memory of Jessie Livingstone and Eliza Rideout from Mary & Wayne Penny

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Muriel MacCormack from Carl & Lorraine Rideout

THIS WEEK

Monday 7:00 p.m.

Monday Bible Study will begin based on the book "You'll get through this" by Max Lucado.

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| September 26 | 1. You'll get through this |
| October 3 | 2. Down and out, but never alone |
| October 24 | 3. Stupid won't fix stupid |
| November 7 | 4. Is God good when life isn't |
| November 14 | 5. Now about those family scandals and Scoundrels |
| November 28 | 6. God can use this for good |

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Session will meet in the Shaw Room.

Registration for TIME OUT (formerly held at First United in Sydney) will take place on **Wednesday, Sept. 28th** from 9:30-11:00am at United Heritage Church, 500 Charlotte St., Sydney. Courses available include Crocheting, Gardening, Knitting, Quilting, Rug Hooking (regulars only), Scrapbooking Crop, Tarabish, Bunka (embroidery). Registration Fee \$20.

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Preparatory Service will be held in Sanctuary.

September 30 – October 2

Cape Breton Bible Camp Teen Retreat Ages 13-18

Please help us spread the word about this event. We have a very special speaker for the weekend named Bay Forrest, a former NBA basketball player and internationally renowned speaker. It

is shaping up to be a camp that the teens won't want to miss.
Thank you for your help.

Next Sunday, October 2nd

Communion Services will be held in the sanctuary at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY....We have been notified this week that George Street will be blocked off because the Canadian Breast Cancer Run for the Cure 2016 will be held starting at 10:00. There was a map sent with the notice and George St. will be closed from Byng to the North End. The message suggested that the closure would be no more than an hour so there should be no problem going home after the service.

Ten Thousand Villages is coming to Calvary Baptist Church! Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America. The Festival Sale will be held Friday, October 7th from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 6 Beech St., North Sydney. Admission is free. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information call the Church at 902-794-3909. **Your purchase makes a difference! Every purchase is a gift to the world!**

The Rt. Hon Vincent Massey C.H. Chapter IODE presents **Autumn Treasures** an Exhibition & Sale of Paintings and Fine Art @ Grand Lake Road Firehall Thursday, Oct. 13 and Friday, Oct. 14 12:00pm -8:00pm. Opening Reception Wed. Oct. 12 @ 7-9pm. Proceeds to C.B. Community Service Project. Door prize: Framed Photograph by Kris Tynski - Refreshments available - Adm. \$3.

Cape Breton Women's Ecumenical Conference November 4, 5, 6 at Inverary Inn, Baddeck. Theme "Making a Difference". For more info please contact Josephine @ 902-849-0275 or Lucy Nardine @ 902-562-8686 before October 17, 2016.

Mission Moments - Determined to Rise Above Hunger

Witness Ngofi used to have no trouble harvesting enough food for her family in Malawi. But periods of erratic, unpredictable weather have made it increasingly difficult for her to protect her crops. When Witness heard that a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported conservation agriculture program was starting in her village, she signed up right away. Conservation agriculture is a system of farming that helps revitalize the soil and increase yields. The process was challenging at first—the methods strayed from traditional farming and prompted discouraging remarks from other farmers. But despite having little rain, Witness's crop of maize was soon thriving. As her plot continued to flourish, she became a role model for other farmers determined to overcome hunger for the long-term.

PWS&D supports food security for subsistence farmers