

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS
www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca
Sunday, October 16th, 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

Charles Nicholson

Reader

Eileen MacLean

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Approach

Hymn # 454 Blest be the everlasting God

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O. T. Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34 (p.560)

Responsive Psalm # 119: 97-104 (p.438)

Hymn # 344 The wise may bring their learning

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 (p.843)

N. T. Gospel Lesson Luke 18: 1-8 (p.742)

Sermon **Being faithful**

Our Response to God

Hymn # 382 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem Bow The Knee arranged by Tom Fettke

Words by Chris Machen and Mike Hartland

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 788 Come, know my joy, the Maker says

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 Ada MacIntosh, Darlene & Murray MacIntosh and Mona Sneddon.

Nursery Dorothy Campbell and Vivian Morrison

Next Sunday Thelma MacKillop and Lisa MacKenzie

Sunday School Shepherd

- Beth Matheson

Greeter at the North Door

- Wayne MacDonald

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

- Michael Butler

Hospital Visitation

Wayne & Wendy MacDonald 562-5686

Readings for next week

Joel 2: 23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

MEMORIALS

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Muriel MacCormack, Rod MacNeil and Arthur Lockerbie from Mac Cameron
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Kim and Donnie Brown
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Catherine and David Sneddon
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Kevin and Joan Richardson

- In memory of Rod MacNeil and Muriel MacCormack from Diane and Fred Lynk
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Ivan and Linda Henderson

To the Choir Fund

- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Mervin MacLeod

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Connie Braunmiller from her friend Jessie Andrews
- In memory of Muriel MacCormack from Isabel & Rhonda MacKenzie
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Shirley Adams, Sandra, Seward and Lesley MacLean
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Charles & Linda Greaves
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Margaret & James Melanson
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Pat & Don Munroe

To the Sunday School Mission Fund

- In memory of Jessie Livingstone from Bill & Mary Lou Coates and Matthew & Blair Coates Kingston, ON

A donation has been made to the Current Fund in honor of Beth & John Roy Matheson's 60th Wedding Anniversary by Ollie MacAulay and Harold & Lynn Gillespie.

Samaritan Shoe Boxes

Samaritan shoe boxes are available now. Gift suggestions: toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene supplies, a personal note and photo. **DO NOT** include: food, candy, toothpaste, or other liquids or breakable items.

Pray for the child who will receive your gift. Refer to enclosed pamphlet for full instructions. Please return your shoe box by

Sunday November 13th. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions contact Nancy MacDonald or Joan Richardson.

Church Office hours will be Tuesday instead of Monday from 9-12 for this week only.

THIS WEEK

Tonight

7:00 pm Fall Hymn Sing will be held in Bethel Presbyterian Church and all are invited to attend. The offering received will be given to Loaves and Fishes and boxes have been placed in the vestibule of the church for donations of food. Items such as canned goods, packages of pasta, tea, coffee, sugar, etc. are very much needed and appreciated. Loaves and Fishes appreciates the support of the congregation and says "Thank you very much" on behalf of the 150+ people who depend on this facility for one hot nutritious meal every day.

Monday to Wednesday

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces will meet in Stellerton, NS. Pray for all who will be gathered for this meeting.

Thursday

7:30 pm John Geddie AMS will meet in the Shaw Room with Group 5 in charge. Members, please remember the \$12.00 Message subscription.

Saturday

The AMS Fall Rally will be held in Zion Church, Louisbourg beginning at 10:00 am. The Executive will meet at 9:30 am.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sunday, October 23rd

150th Anniversary Services @ St. Paul's Church, Glace Bay (7:00) to which all are invited to come. Rev. Glen Davis will be the Anniversary Speaker.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Ross Ferry, will hold their Anniversary service on October 23rd at 7pm with the Rev. Lydia MacKinnon as guest speaker.

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

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| 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 |

Sunday, October 30th 11:30

We will have a Harvest Lunch following the Morning Service to which all are invited. We have had these for the last few years and they have been times when we can get to know people in the congregation. Please plan to come and share in this special time.

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.

Sunday, November 6th 10:30am

We will have Branch 138 of the Canadian Legion present with us for our Remembrance Service.

Sunday, November 20th 10:30am and 7:00pm

We will have the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of our Church Building. More details will follow in the coming weeks and in the Annual Mailing.

Mission Moments – October 16 is World Food Day

Across the globe, small-scale farmers are suffering the effects of climate change. Prolonged drought, erratic rainfall and a growing rate of weather related disasters are also taking their toll. In Ethiopia, Meserete Jima's crops were obliterated in the wake of a powerful El Niño phenomenon sweeping southern Africa. "I'm very concerned about my family's future," admits Meserete. In times of disaster, Presbyterian World Service & Development responds with food assistance to sustain families until they can plant again. The rations Meserete received with support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank are vital to her family's well-being. On World Food Day, we reflect on the global struggle against hunger and the need to address climate change to ensure food security for all.

PWS&D provides food assistance for communities in need