

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
Corner of George & Brookland Streets  
Sydney, NS  
[www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca](http://www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca)  
Sunday, October 9<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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## Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Elizabeth Matheson

Reader

Gwen Shepherd

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

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Approach

Hymn # 500                      Open my eyes that I may see

Prayer of Confession

### **We Hear God's Word**

O. T. Lesson:                      Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7                      (p.557)

Responsive Psalm #              66: 1-12                                      (p.410)

Hymn # 421                      Rejoice in the Lord always

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson              2 Timothy 2: 8-15                      (p.842)

N. T. Gospel Lesson              Luke 17: 11-19                      (p.741)

Sermon                              **Thanksgiving**

### **Our Response to God**

Hymn # 802                      For the fruits of all creation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem                              With Joyful Thanksgiving

Words and Music by Mark Patterson

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

### **We go out in service to the Lord**

Hymn # 457                      Now thank we all our God

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 Myrna Ross and Linda Ross.

**Thank you** to all who contributed to the Under One Umbrella campaign for clothing.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Eileen MacNeil and family on the passing of Rod whose funeral was held in Bethel on Thursday.

**Nursery** Mildred MacLean and Catherine Sneddon

**Next Sunday** Karen Wheeliker and Vivian Morrison

## **Sunday School Shepherd**

- Charles Nicholson

## **Greeter at the South Door**

- Roy MacDonald

## **Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

- Joan Richardson

## **Hospital Visitation**

Duncan MacLeod 564-4306 Walter Letcher 539-0720

## **Readings for next week**

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119: 97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5;

Luke 18: 1-8

## **MEMORIALS**

### **To the Camp MacLeod**

- In memory of Jessie Livingstone and Eliza Rideout from Diane & Fred Lynk

### **To the Current Fund**

- In memory of Muriel MacCormack and Jessie Livingstone from Rod & Eileen MacNeil
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from the Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Dorothy MacDonald and family

### **To the Choir Fund**

- In memory of Muriel MacCormack from Geraldine MacLeod
- In memory of Earl MacLeod from wife Geraldine and family.

### **To the Sunday School Mission Fund**

- In memory of Jessie Livingstone from Rita Livingstone and family

### **To the Session Memorial Fund**

- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Eileen MacLean
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Mona & Bill Sneddon

### **To the Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Eliza Rideout from Kevin & Joan Richardson
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Byron & Iylah MacLeod
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Mary & Wayne Penny
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Catherine McCharles
- In memory of Rod MacNeil from Lorraine Colborne

**A donation** has been made to the Benevolent Fund in honor of Beth & John Matheson's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Mary & Wayne Penny

### **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.

### **THIS WEEK**

The Rt. Hon Vincent Massey C.H. Chapter IODE presents Autumn Treasures, an Exhibition & Sale of Paintings and Fine Art @ Grand Lake Road Fire Hall **Thursday, Oct. 13 and Friday, Oct. 14** from 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.

### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

#### **Next Sunday**

A **Fall Hymn Sing** will be held in Bethel Presbyterian Church, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and all are invited to attend. The offering received that evening 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 Bible Study** will not be held for two weeks but 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                      |

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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.

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 11:30**

We will have a Harvest Lunch following the Morning Service to which all are invited. We have had these 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 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30am**

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

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30am and 7:00pm**

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

### **Mission Moments – Reaching out to refugees in Montreal**

Lama fled Syria with her three teenagers after her husband disappeared and she was badly injured in a bombing. Her sister Samira was living in Canada and asked Action Réfugiés Montréal for help. ARM filed the sponsorship paperwork and Lama was called for an interview, but proving a case is difficult, and she was refused. ARM and Samira did not give up. They worked with a lawyer and the case was overturned on a judicial appeal. Lama and her family arrived in Canada in December, 2015. Samira shares, “Thanks to the hard work, patience and generosity of ARM, my sister and her family are finally here!”

*Presbyterians Sharing advocates for refugees*