

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS

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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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Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

How long, O Lord, how long?

For those waiting for answered prayer:

Grant your steadfast patience.

For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Candle Lighting

This morning we light the **first candle** which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)

Prayer

God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Choir: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

All: Christ be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson Romans 13: 11-14 (p. 804)

N. T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 24: 36-44 (p. 701)

Solo Christ The Lord

Sarah Hart & Robert Feduccia

arr. By Rick Modlin

Sermon

Not sure when

Our Response to God

Hymn # 269 Your kingdom come, O God

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Choir Anthem Is your heart prepared for a King?

Words and music by Robert Lau

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 274 Crown him with many crowns

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. We are pleased to have Dianne MacLean and (granddaughter) Morgan (6) lighting the Advent Candle this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Joan Richardson, Jennifer March and Lisa MacKenzie.

To the Members of Bethel

Thank you very much. Your thoughtfulness and generosity has made this terrible flooding experience more bearable. You never know when your life will change and ours has changed dramatically. But with your generous help and prayers we will survive. We are doing better but have a long road ahead. Again, thank you very much and God Bless.

Wayne, Jean, Christopher and Tracey Martin.

Sympathy is extended to the MacLeod family on the passing of Allister MacLeod who died on his 95th birthday on Thursday. Funeral arrangements are still to be announced.

Nursery

Today: Nancy MacDonald and Brenda Skinner

Next Sunday: Linda Greaves and Heather MacQueen

Sunday School Shepherd

- Ivan Henderson

Greeter at the South Door

- Brian Mikkelsen

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

- Roy MacDonald

Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325 Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Ushers for December

Jean MacQueen (C), Wendy MacDonald, Wayne MacDonald, Rod Munroe, Edward Hillman, Alice Edwards

Readings for next week

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13;
Matthew 3: 1-12

MEMORIALS

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Jack MacDonald from wife Dorothy, Lori, Doug, Riley and Hyler, Corene, Emma & Sadie.
- In memory of Roddie MacNeil from Gary & Joan Grant
- In memory of John R. Adams from wife Shirley and family

Samaritan Shoe Boxes

The John Geddie AMS wish to thank you for your support of the Samaritan Shoe Box project again this year. Thanks to your generous support 180 boxes have been filled and on the way to delight a deserving child. Thank you also to all who made monetary donations.

This Week

Monday

6:30 pm CE Committee will meet in the hall

7:00 pm Max Lucado study on "You'll get through this" will continue.

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Tuesday

7:30 pm Session meets in the Shaw Room.

Friday

1-3 pm Cove Auxiliary Bake Sale

Saturday, December 3rd 1- 3pm.

Christmas Tea & Sale at Westmount United Church, Westmount Road. There will be crafts, knitting, crocheted, baked goods, preservatives. Admission \$7.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Friday, December 9 at 7pm

The Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation will be having their 17th Annual "Light Up for Health" at the Northside General Hospital. This is a special event for the community to gather and show their support of our two local hospitals. Join us for fireworks, entertainment, cookies & hot chocolate plus a visitor from the North Pole.

Sunday, December 11th 7:00 pm

Christmas Hymn Sing and Memorial Light-up Ceremony

During our Christmas Hymn Sing, we will be including a Memorial Light-Up Ceremony. Those interested may make a donation in memory of the person or persons they wish to be remembered. The name will be placed on a tag and that tag will be fastened to a Christmas tree type light. The names will be listed in the evening's bulletin and read at the service followed by the lights being turned on. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone, please mark the name/s to be remembered, the name of the donors as you wish it published, and your name and address or church envelope number on a plain envelope containing your donation. Place this on the offering plate or send it to the Church Secretary on or before December 1st!

Wednesday, December 14th @7 pm

St. Matthew Wesley United Church Choir, 2 Peppett St., North Sydney is pleased to host a Musical Evening featuring North Sydney's own, Dr. Kevin Orrell & Shauna Doolan. Light refreshments to follow! Price \$10.00. Tickets available at the church office or any choir member.

Coins for Camp MacLeod

The congregation is reminded to please return their "Coins for Camp MacLeod" jars by the end of November.

The Board of Managers is requesting anyone who has a key to the hall or church they are **not using**, to please return it to our custodian Alan Townsend or any member of the board. These keys cost \$25 each to replace, so if there are any spares among the congregation we would appreciate having them back. Thank you!

Mission Moments – December 1 is World AIDS Day

The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through Presbyterian World Service & Development, supports HIV and AIDS programs that fight stigma and discrimination, teach and equip people to prevent the spread and the transmission between mother and child, and provide home based care and medications to those living with the disease. In Malawi, Shadreck was afraid to disclose his diagnosis to his family, so he neglected to take his medication. His health deteriorated quickly. Desperate for guidance, Shadreck joined an HIV support group run by PWS&D partners. He met friends who encouraged him to be open about his condition. Now with the support of his wife, Shadreck is hopeful. "I can take my pills without stigma," he shares. "I have my health back."

PWS&D provides encouragement to people living with HIV and AIDS