

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS

www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca

Sunday, January 1st, 2017



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.

Minister

Rev. Robert Lyle, B.A., M.Div.
Home: 902 - 564 - 5009
Cell: 902 - 549 - 6411

12 Lorway Avenue, Sydney, NS B1P 4Z2
Email: robertlyle13@gmail.com

Clerk of Session

Mr. Charles Greaves
902 - 564 - 9570

66 Eagleview Drive, Albert Bridge, NS B1K 2P1
Email: charles.greaves@gmail.com

Choir Director

Peter MacDonald

Secretary

Sharon Morrison
902 - 562 - 3740

Email: bethelchurch@ns.sympatico.ca

Custodian

Mr. Allan Townsend

Hall: 902 - 564-5069

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Jennifer March

Reader

Richard Dulvy

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 811 Standing at the portal

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O. T. Lesson: Isaiah 63: 7-9 (p. 530)

Responsive Psalm # 148 (p. 448)

Hymn # 466 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

N.T. Epistle Lesson Hebrews 2: 10-18 (p. 846)

N. T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 2: 13-23 (p. 682)

Sermon **A New Beginning - 2017**

Our Response to God

Hymn # 372 Praise him, praise him

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Choir Anthem

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 808 Come in, come in, New Year

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

WELCOME We welcome everyone to this service of worship this Lord's Day, the 1st day of 2017 (Happy New Year!!!) 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 Ann, Sara and Heather MacQueen.

There is no Sunday School today. Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 8th.

Nursery

Today: Mildred MacLean and Sharon McKay

Next Sunday: Vivian Morrison and Sharon Morrison

Greeter at the North Door

- Mac Cameron

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

- Jean MacQueen

Visiting the Hospital this week

Linda Ross 562-2962

Gary Grant 567-1411

To Camp MacLeod

- In memory of Frank MacLean by Carl & Lorraine Rideout
- In memory of Frank MacLean by Charles and Diane Layton, Groves Point
- In memory of Frank MacLean by Hugh and Joan Cameron, Scotsville, Cape Breton
- In memory of Frank MacLean by Jack Tarr and Janice and Jeff Giggly, PEI
- In memory of Frank MacLean by Wayne and Brenda MacIntosh, Saint John
- In memory of Frank MacLean from Fonnie MacAulay, Halifax
- In memory of Frank MacLean from Joan Ferguson

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Frank MacLean from Gordon Gillespie and family
- In memory of Gordon Johnston from Kevin & Joan Richardson
- In memory of Frank MacLean from Rev. Ian & Jane MacMillan, Williamstown, ON
- In memory of Frank MacLean from Gail Gillis, Halifax

Readings for next week

Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

Thursday

7:30 pm Preparatory Service will be held in the Shaw Room.

Friday

12:10-12:50

CUC will meet in Shaw Room.

Next Sunday, January 8th

Winter Communion Services will be held at 10:30am and 7:00 pm

Volunteers needed

We would like to organize at least 4 volunteer groups that would be willing to shop for, and work, at funeral receptions at our church. We will provide tea and coffee and serve only oatcakes with cheese for up to 120 people. Men will also be welcome to help with pouring the tea. Families may still have sweets and sandwiches but it would be their responsibility to supply their own food. If you are interested in volunteering please give your name or call Sandra MacLeod at [902 539 2467](tel:9025392467) or Carol Ferguson at [902 564 8422](tel:9025648422). We hope to have an "organizing" meeting early in January. Men are encouraged to be involved!!!

Mission Moments –The vouchers help me survive

“In Syria, I could do anything.” Now settled in Lebanon with his daughter Rihan, Mousa remembers his peaceful home before the war. Mousa has not been able to find work because of restrictions placed on Syrian refugees. To get by, he picks fruit for local farmers but does not earn enough to cover his expenses. With partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing food vouchers to Syrian refugees so they can purchase groceries at local stores and save money for rent. For Mousa, this assistance has been an answer to his prayers. During the uncertainty of war, knowing he can provide a warm dinner for his daughter is a source of comfort and strength.

PWS&D responds to refugees