

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS

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Sunday, February 5th, 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.

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**Presbyterian World Service & Development Sunday
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.**

Organ Prelude

Announcements

David Sneddon

Reader

Gloria Anderson

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Minister: Sunrise breaks through the darkness.

Cong: God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.

Minister: Come as you are, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder.

Cong: God's peace and God's love are present here.

Minister: Come, worship and know you are loved.

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

Light of the world,

In the sparkle of the snowflake, we see your gentle beauty. In the towering frosted treetops, we are reminded of your splendour. You created each hibernating animal and every chirping bird. Even in the cold of winter your creation amazes. We thank you for blessing the world with such beauty and giving us a place within it. Our Father...

Hymn # 416 Blessed Jesus, at your word

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O. T. Lesson: Isaiah 58: 1-12 (p.526)

Responsive Psalm # 112: 1-10 (p.434)

Hymn # 773 Jesus bids us shine

A story about the Presbyterian Church in Brazil

Bernardo Reinaux Oliviera

N.T. Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 (p.807)

N.T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 5: 13-20 (p.683)

Sermon **PWS & D**

Our Response to God

Hymn # 348 Tell me the stories of Jesus

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

God of all justice and righteousness,

Thank you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ who came to live out your love in this world. We thank you for the wisdom of his words and deeds that continues to enlighten our faith journeys today. Striving to live in his light, we bring you our prayers of and for the people whom he loved so much.

We pray for those who need your justice Lord. We think of all who sleep on the cold streets, all who have no food to eat, all whose homes have been ravaged by war. We pray for refugees and political prisoners. We think of the children who must work instead of going to school and for parents who cannot afford proper health care. Fill them with your hope so each day might be a step closer to rights restored.

We pray for all who need your healing touch. We pray for people who are confused and afraid, for those in hospitals and nursing homes and who are dealing with long-term or mental illness. We pray for our families and the families in our communities that are in conflict and for relationships that are strained or broken. Surround us all with your peace and comfort so that we can find new life and new hope each day.

Compassionate God, we ask that our prayers and our worship would be more than just words and motions. Open our hearts so that our affection for you and all you are to us runs deep and wide within us. Encourage us to be the salt and light that you desire, not pious and presumptuous but compassionate and caring. Strengthen us to work for the freedom that you envision for all those who suffer, in body mind and spirit. May we be encouraged by your grace and inspired by your Holy Spirit constantly in motion in our lives.... (the minister will finish prayer)

Offering

Offertory

Choir Anthem *Open our eyes Lord*

Word and Music by Bob Gill arranged by Benjamin Harland

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 769 Lord of light, whose name and splendor

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 Linda Greaves, Madeline Matheson and Nancy MacDonald.

Nursery

Today: Ginny MacLennan and Sandra MacLeod

Next Sunday: Jennifer March and Heather Furey

Sunday School Shepherd

- Ivan Henderson

Greeter at the South Door

- Roy MacDonald

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

- Michael Butler

Visiting the Hospital this week

Kathy Hardy 562-8578 Tom MacRae 562-3893

Ushers for February

Brian Mikkelsen (C), Donna Mikkelsen, Shelley MacLeod, Billy MacLeod, Bradley Gillespie, Angela Gillespie

Readings for next week

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalm 119: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5: 21-37

To Camp MacLeod

- In memory of Frank MacLean from Anne Jane Currie
- In memory of Frank MacLean from Donald & Kaye MacAulay, Stephenville, NL

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Dan Campbell from Dorothy Campbell

Annual Meeting Highlights

The Congregation came together Wednesday evening for a very enjoyable ham and potatoes salad dinner prior to the meeting. The meeting learned that Bethel ended 2016 in a good financial position this year, primarily because work required on the Manse was not as extensive as first predicted. The reduction in furnace fuel cost was a contributing factor to our financial position. The congregational support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing to be an outreach. The congregation agreed to accept allocations for Camp MacLeod, Cape Breton Presbytery, Atlantic Synod and Presbyterians Sharing. We have agreed to support Loaves and Fishes with a donation and will host a Hymn sing in the fall as a fund raiser for Loaves and Fishes. Gary Grant presented information on outreach events held during the year. A number of appointments were made. The thanks of the congregation is expressed to Ada MacIntosh who has retired from the Board of Managers.

Gayne MacQueen, chairman of the Board of Managers, advised that the Board of Managers are concerned that the electric

motor for the organ will likely require major repair or replacement within the next few years and the sanctuary lighting and wiring are a concern. It was agreed that the Managers obtain pricing and information on updating the lighting and if necessary the wiring in the church and present this to the congregation at a special meeting if necessary. The Board of Trustees advised that the congregation has received once again a significant gift from the Hogel Fund this past year.

We have enjoyed a great year as a congregation and look forward to the continued support of all our members as we present our Lord to our community.

This Week

This afternoon 2 pm

There will be a Service of Friendship and Unity. The service will be held at the United Protestant Church of Sydney River, 1524 Kings Rd., and will have representation from a variety of faith communities who serve our region along with a civic presence, as we stand together against this threat which fosters hate amongst peoples. Following the service we will gather for a luncheon where we can eat together, talk together and be together. Let us stand together to express our grief for those who have suffered loss and pain, our support for those dealing with fear and anxiety, and our outrage at a climate where hate and fear are propagated.

*“In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the
silence of our friends”*

Martin Luther King Jr.

Family Violence Prevention Education Week will take place **Feb 10-17**. Opening ceremonies will be held on Feb 10th, Verschuren Building, CBU at 10 am. All are welcome.

Friday St. Paul's, Glace Bay are having a "Strawberry Interlude" \$7.00
Take Outs: 11:00 to 1:00 and 4:00 to 6:00
Eat In: 4:00 to 6:00

ADVANCE NOTICES

World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday, March 3rd** at 2:00 p.m. at Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River. If you have any questions please call Honorine MacMullin. (902-562-2967)

Mission Moments – PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, Presbyterian World Service & Development envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. On February 5—PWS&D Sunday—we remember the work our church is doing to uphold God's promise in vulnerable communities around the world. With generous gifts from individuals and congregations and the commitment of partners around the world, PWS&D is able to carry out programs in international development and emergency relief to help communities rise above poverty and disaster and access basic necessities like nutritious food, clean water, health care, quality education and basic human rights. With each family that is empowered to build a sustainable livelihood, grow their own food and rise above illness, we witness God's Spirit enabling abundant life.

PWS&D responds to those in need