

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS

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Sunday, March 19th, 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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Third Sunday in Lent
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 # 481 Blest be the tie that binds

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O. T. Lesson: Exodus 17: 1-7 (p.52)

Responsive Psalm # 95 (p.426)

Hymn # 632 Help us accept each other

Litany for Third Sunday in Lent Susan Jessen

Reader: The Lenten journey continues.

All: Lent's questions confront us.

Reader: Where will the road take us?

All: What kind of people will we be?

Reader: Do we trust that God will provide water for our thirst?

All: Or will we surrender to bitterness and complaining?

Reader: The quest will test us and try us.

All: We pray that Jesus will be our guide.

Reader: Let us pray.

God of living waters: your love is unrelenting and your faithfulness without end. We confess that we are growing weary on the journey. We prefer being enslaved by visions that do not feed us. We long for imagined security offered by the past.

Forgive us our fickleness and lack of trust.

All: Stay with us as we think deeply about your gifts.

Stay with us as we confront our own thirst. Stay with us as we seek to understand your will. Amen.

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson Romans 5: 1-11 (p.798)

N.T. Gospel Lesson John 4: 5-42 (p.752)

Solo
Sermon

Fill my cup, Lord
A Samaritan woman

Walter Letcher

Our Response to God

Hymn # 635

Brother, sister, let me serve you

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Anthem

We are the hands of Christ

Words by John Parker, Music by Joel Raney

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 672

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

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 Susan Jessen leading the Lenten responsive reading this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Linda Henderson, Marilyn Strickland, Alixe MacAskill and Lucy MacKinnon.

Nursery

Today: Lucy MacKinnon and Heather MacQueen

Next Sunday: Catherine Sneddon and Lisa MacKenzie

Greeter at the South Door

- Sandra MacLeod

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

- Roy MacDonald

Visiting the Hospital this week

Wayne MacDonald 562-5686

Ben Furey 562-2266

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Duncan MacQueen from daughter & son in law Mary & Wayne Penny

To the Sunday School Mission Fund

- In memory of father, Duncan MacQueen and father-in-law Glendon Hardy given by Kathy Hardy.

Readings for next week

1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9

There will be no Sunday School during the March break, **March 12-19**. Nursery care will still be available.

This Week

Monday

7:30 pm Board of Managers meet.

Thursday

7:30 pm John Geddie AMS will meet. This is one week late due to March Break. Group five will be in charge.

Next Sunday we will have our Spring Hymn Sing in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. Invite a friend to come. There will be a fellowship hour following the service in the hall.

Benevolent Fund Committee: Looking for household items such as linens, dishes, pots and pans, etc. If you have any you wish to donate please call Joan Richardson at 902 564-5140 or Brad Gillespie at 902-577-1969. Thank You.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner: Date: Friday, March 24th.

Location: Sydney Mines Firemen's Centre, Take out only

Pickup Time: 11am – 6pm. Tickets: \$10 each. Delivery available.

For more information phone Lt. Lauren Hall at 902-371-4446.

In support of 1917 Vimy Ridge Army Cadets and 602 McCurdy Air Cadets attending the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Vimy Ridge In Vimy, France April 2017. Thank you for your support!

Session will meet on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 pm in the Shaw Room

Preparatory Service will be held Thursday, April 6th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Spring Communions will be held on Sunday, April 9th at 10:30 and 7:00 pm.

Presbyterian Men's Good Friday Breakfast will be held at Bethel Church Hall April 14th at 8:30. Service will follow in sanctuary following the breakfast. Our Men's chorus will provide special music. Rev. Corrie Stewart will preach.

Bethel congregational Good Friday Service will be at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

On June 3rd The Cove Auxiliary will hold a yard sale. If you have something you would like to donate bring to the Hall in the morning to downstairs hall. There is a room ready for us to store things.

Mission Moments – World Water Day (March 22)

Worldwide, 663 million people live without improved drinking water sources. A lack of clean water is a significant development challenge. In areas of the world where access to water is limited, local Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are responding to improve water sources, build new ones and train volunteers to maintain wells. Support to improve sanitation ensures water stays clean and prevents the spread of illness. PWS&D equips communities to build hand-washing facilities and latrines and educates members about proper hygiene. The results of this program are transformative and far reaching—clean water allows women and men to harvest crops, care for their families, expand their livelihoods and lead healthy, productive lives.

PWS&D helps families access clean water and sanitation

SHAPING HER FUTURE: LAMISI'S STORY

On her family's plot of land in Ghana, Lamisi spent her days cultivating colourful rows of corn and yams. Her parents were preparing her for a future in agriculture, but Lamisi longed to explore a career outside the farm. One day, on her way to visit family, Lamisi was in a terrible accident. A spinal injury left her legs paralyzed. All the hope Lamisi had for her future was lost. She worried about the challenges she might face trying to earn a living and support a family. Lamisi received the care she needed at the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Centre in Ghana. The centre provided Lamisi with a tricycle to help her move around independently. She also received training in small business development. Today, Lamisi runs her own gift shop — and is embracing a full, meaningful life. This Lenten season

let us respond faithfully to Christ's call to serve those in need.
Through PWS&D, we can accompany more people like Lamisi on
their journey towards their full potential. **WeRespond.ca**

