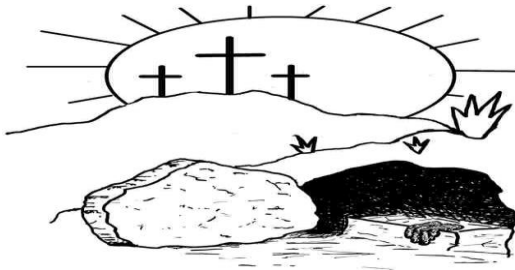


Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George and Brookland Streets,
Sydney, NS

Easter Sunday April 16th, 2017



He is Risen

Our Mission: To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community in our worship and our living.

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.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Lisa MacKenzie

Reader

Catherine Sneddon

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 255

Now let the vault of heaven resound

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 1-6

(p. 559)

Responsive Psalm #

118: 1-2, 14-24

(p. 436)

Hymn # 260

Alleluia, alleluia

Litany for Easter Sunday

Leah Weatherbee

Reader: Lent's journey has brought us to a place of joy and gladness.

All: Alleluia, Christ has risen.

Reader: Lent's questions have been answered by Easter's overflowing love and grace.

All: Alleluia, Christ has risen.

Reader: The vision of God that was made manifest in the ministry of Jesus will not be defeated.

All: Alleluia, Christ has risen.

Reader: God invites us this day to new life in Christ, and to be alive to the new possibilities of God's kingdom.

All: Alleluia, Christ has risen.

Reader: Let us pray.

God of perseverance and passion, your fidelity and grace are beyond measure. With joy we gather to celebrate the promise of the empty tomb. With thanksgiving we acknowledge that you have brought us safely through the

night and along the journey. Let our joy spill into praise and let our praise spill into lives that testify to your promises. Filled with the power of the resurrection, we commit our lives to the Christ vision of generosity and grace. Filled by the power of the resurrection, we commit our congregations to the Christ vision of courage and love. Filled by the power of the resurrection, we continue to follow along the Christ path. Amen.

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson Colossians 3: 1-4 (p. 834)

N.T. Gospel Lesson John 20: 1-18 (p. 768)

Sermon **The risen Lord**

Our Response to God

Hymn # 249 The day of resurrection

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Anthem Jesus is Risen! Rejoice!

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 258 Thine be the glory

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 Leah Weatherbee 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 Joan & Gary, Donna, Ada, Darlene & Murray.

Nursery

Today: Mildred MacLean and Linda Henderson

Next Sunday: Joan Grant and Thelma MacKillop

Sunday School Shepherd

Bill Sneddon

Greeter at the South Door

Michael Butler

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Sandra MacLeod

Visiting the Hospital this week

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467

Readings for next week

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

To the Choir Fund

- In loving memory of Earl MacLeod from wife Geraldine and Family

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of husband Walter Hardy, parents Florence & Duncan MacQueen and in-laws Jessie & Glendan Hardy from Kathy Hardy
- In memory of our parents Duncan & Florence MacQueen and Annie & Dave Robertson from Linda & Donnie Robertson

This Week

Tuesday

7:30pm John Geddie AMS will meet. Group 1 will be in charge. Guest speakers will be the Community Outreach team from Mental Health Community Services: Sylvia Ingram,

R.N., and Constable Michael Abraham, Police Liaison Officer, CBRM Police. All are welcome to attend. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH.**

Presbytery Workshop

In response to the 2015 General Assembly's call for the Church to engage in prayerful conversation, discernment and Bible Study on the topics of human sexuality and sexual orientation...

Presentation: "Sexual Minorities...Can we talk?"

The Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine will address these topics

1. "Taking a hard look at how the church has treated sexual minorities
2. "Exploring why some want to retain and some want to revise our Church's guidelines on same-sex relationships."

This workshop will be presented at the following locations:

Knox, Baddeck Thursday, April 20TH 6:30-9:30 pm

St. Andrew's, Sydney Mines Friday, April 21st 2:00-5:00 pm

Bethel, Sydney Saturday, April 22nd 9:00-12:00 noon (This Saturday)

This workshop is intended for Members and Adherents of the Presbyterian Church in Canada within the Presbytery of Cape Breton

The Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine

Clyde is minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, ON and teaches a course on worship at Knox College. He was one of the leaders for our lay worship training. Clyde focuses on congregational preaching and ministry and is completing a book on this topic.

Advance Announcements

St. Matthew-Wesley United Church Presents "Godsent Reunion Concert" Sunday, April 23rd, at 7p.m.

2 Peppett Street, North Sydney. Also performing: The Cape Breton Chordsmen, Colin Grant & Cecil Clarke
PRICE \$10.00 at the Door Refreshments to follow the Concert

Musical Variety Concert Sunday April 23, 2017 @7:00 pm St. Mary's Church, 8 Marconi St., Glace Bay Cost \$6.00

Refreshments Provided Tickets available in the church office or Bob McLean 562-8411 Performances by: Aileen Butler & Friends, Sandy & Kelly, Darlene Mackie, John and Patti Fukala, The Lee's. Please come out and enjoy this musical evening with us!

The Board of Managers meeting has been changed from Monday, April 17 (Easter Monday) to **Monday, April 24.**

Seventeenth Annual Women's Breakfast

Sponsored by The Life and Mission Committee
Presbytery of Cape Breton

Place: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, North River Bridge

Date: 29 April 2017 Time: 8:30 AM 9:30 AM Program in sanctuary, entitled The Lord's Prayer Cost: \$8.00

Reservations and cancellations necessary. Reservations can be made by calling Joan Richardson @ 902 564-5140

EnterLeft Productions will present a concert at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Whycocomagh on **Friday, May 5, 2017**, at 7:00 pm. The concert featuring musicians Robyn Cathcart, Margaret MacPherson, Ross Hunter and Michele Stephens is entitled "Stormy Weather," and will feature vocal

standards in all types of music genres and musical theatre. Tickets are \$15 per person. Contact Burton MacIntyre (756-2769), Fred Matthews (756-2764), Marilyn Macleod (756-2627) or Kennena MacFadyen (756-2883) for tickets or more information.

Women's Cursillo/Men's Cursillo Weekend

This is an invitation to attend a women's or men's 3 day faith sharing weekend, which is a personally rewarding and enriching experience. If you are interested in being sponsored or want more information please contact Rev. Lyle. The women's weekend will take place May 25-28, 2017 and the men's weekend will take place June 1-4, 2017.

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 – Earth Day (April 22)

Elias had been a farmer for most of his life. For years, he harvested enough food on his farm in Malawi to provide for his family. But rain, vital for cultivating life, had been minimal since last season. Elias worried that this was the year his family would go hungry. Fortunately, he was able to learn a revolutionary method of farming called conservation agriculture through a Presbyterian World Service & Development project, supported by Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Conservation agriculture taught him about the importance of intercropping and helped him to care for creation by recycling plant materials, reducing soil erosion and protecting water resources—while also increasing his yields. This method of farming is helping Elias improve his family's life and overcome hunger for the long-term.

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