

# Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George and Brookland Streets,  
Sydney, NS



*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.

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude  
Announcements  
Reader

Brad Gillespie  
Eileen MacLean

**We Gather Together – Our Approach to God**

Call to Worship  
Prayer of Adoration and Approach (The Lord's Prayer)  
Hymn # 368                      Blessing and honour and glory  
Prayer of Confession

**We Hear God's Word**

O.T. Lesson	Genesis 29: 15-28	(p. 20)
Responsive Psalm #	105: 1-11	(p. 444)
Hymn # 348	Tell me the stories of Jesus	
N.T. Epistle Lesson	Romans 8: 26-39	(p. 800)
N.T. Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	(p. 691)
Special Music	In Our Dear Lord's Garden	
	Grace MacAulay and Donna Lyle	
Sermon	<b>Jesus' stories</b>	

**Our Response to God**

Hymn # 350                      To God be the glory  
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession  
Offering  
Offertory  
Doxology (#830)  
Prayer of Dedication

**We go out in service to the Lord**

Hymn # 479                      The church's one foundation  
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. Once again today, we have Sharon McLean, playing the organ. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Donna Lyle and Merle Davis.

## Nursery

**Today:** Mildred MacLean and Sharon McKay

**Next Sunday:** Donna Mikkelsen and Thelma MacKillop

**Greeter at the South Door** Joan Richardson

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door** Duncan K. MacLeod

## Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325 Ivan Henderson 564-1050

## Ushers for August

Jennifer March (C), Murray MacIntosh, Donald Campbell,  
Lisa MacKenzie, Donnie Slade, Linda Ross

## To the Atlantic Mission Society

- In memory of Alice Edwards from Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study
- In memory of Alice Edwards from Roy & Nancy MacDonald
- In memory of Alice Edwards from Eileen MacLean
- In memory of Alice Edwards from John Geddie Auxiliary AMS
- In memory of Alice Edwards from Charles and Linda Greaves
- In memory of Alice Edwards from Eileen MacNeil

## To the Choir Fund

- In memory of Alice Edwards from Mervin MacLeod

## Readings for next week

Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7; Romans 9: 1-5;  
Matthew 14: 13-21

## Camp MacLeod Schedule 2017

Novice Co-Ed (age 7-8)	July 31-Aug 3
Intermediate Co-Ed #2 (age 12-14)	Aug 7-13
Junior Co-Ed #2 (age 9-11)	Aug 14-20
Intermediate Co-Ed #3 (age 12-14)	Aug 21-27

## This evening @ 7 pm

The 85th Anniversary Service of Zion Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker will be former missionary, Lorrie White. Special music will be provided and a time of fellowship will follow the service.

## Advance Notices

THE BARRA'S ARE BACK! The Barra MacNeil's are back again this year for another great performance at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines on **Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Last year they celebrated their 30th Anniversary with back to back concerts at St. Andrew's and what a performance! This years' concert promises to be just as good or better than last year. Tickets are only \$30 each and can be purchased at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney or Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or you can reserve yours by calling Rita Johnston at 902-736-2508 or emailing her at [f.johnston@bellaliant.net](mailto:f.johnston@bellaliant.net). Tickets are going fast and we already have 1/4 of them sold, so if you know of anyone coming home for a holiday and would like to see this fantastic group, please spread the word.

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

The Anniversary Service of Union Church, Albert Bridge will be held. The Guest speaker will be Bob Lyle. All are invited to attend.

**The Cape Breton Chorale** is actively recruiting new members. All information related to the audition process may be found on our website. Go to the main page and look under the heading 'join the Cape Breton Chorale. We are looking for some help in spreading the word about the auditions. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Melissa MacNeil

Cape Breton Chorale

902-549-0965 [www.capebretonchorale.com/](http://www.capebretonchorale.com/)

## Vacation Bible School



Our Vacation Bible School will be held the week of **August 14-18** from 9:00 -11:30 am. All children ages 4-12 years are welcome to attend.

For more information and advanced registration please visit

<http://www.myvbs.org/bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca/>

## Mission Moments – Administering change

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help administer the Avondbloem Fund, established by George and Evelyn van Beek in 1981. This legacy gift supports practical, creative PCC projects that spread the message of Christ. The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise, a ministry of Paris Presbyterian Church, received a grant to help grow its innovative work. Staff members—who are on social assistance or living with barriers to traditional employment—prepare healthy, homemade soups and stews that are sold in the Paris community and beyond. Proceeds from the sales provide their salaries. Currently, eight people are employed—and two more Raw Carrots will be opening in the next year! This initiative builds self-confidence, provides job training and job creation—a living example of Christ's message of love and hope.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports dreams as they are turned into reality*

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