

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.

October 1st, 2017
Fall Communion Services
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Samaritan Box Video

Organ Prelude

Announcements

George Jessen

Reader

Todd Gouthro

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 13

Ye gates, lift up your heads

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God’s Word

O.T. Lesson

Exodus 17: 1-7

(p. 52)

Responsive Psalm #

78: 1-4, 12-16

(p. 417)

Anthem

One world, one communion

Pepper Choplin

Hymn # 358

There is a redeemer

Children’s Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2: 1-13

(p. 831)

N.T. Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21: 23-32

(p. 698)

Sermon

The way of righteousness-repent and believe

Our Response to God

Hymn # 566

O matchless beauty of our God

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

(Elders will take their place at the Communion Table, those sitting in the balcony and wanting to take part in the Communion service and the choir will come down into the main sanctuary during the singing of this hymn.)

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #543

Hear, O my Lord, I see thee (vs. 1-3)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn #543

Too soon we rise (vs. 4-7)

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 Rodney, Linda and Alixe.

This afternoon

Blessing of the Animals at Wentworth Park at 2 pm. Sponsored by the Parish of the Resurrection (Anglican) and St. Marguerite.

Nursery

Today: Mildred MacLean and Dorothy Campbell

Next Sunday Sara MacQueen and Susan Jessen

Sunday School Shepherd

William Sneddon

Greeter at the North Door

Wayne MacDonald

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Gordon Ferguson

Visiting the Hospital this week

Wayne MacDonald 562-5686

Ben Furey 562-2266

Readings for next week

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

To the Benevolent Fund

- In Loving Memory of our brother, Dennis MacGillivray and our sister-in-law, Bernadette MacGillivray, from Geraldine MacLeod and Joan Jessome.

COMMUNION CARDS are available at the back of the Sanctuary if you didn't receive one or if you forgot yours today, please pick one up.

Samaritan Shoe Boxes are available today following the service. Gift suggestions: toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene supplies, a personal note and photo. DO NOT include food, candy, toothpaste or other liquid items. Refer to enclosed pamphlet for full instructions. Please return your box by November 5th 2017. Thank You for your support. If you have any questions contact Nancy MacDonald or Joan Richardson.

Charles Mully went from being a beggar on the street to being a self-made millionaire living in one of the best houses in Nairobi, Kenya. When he said, "Yes, God; use me", he asked to do the impossible and rescue many of the street orphans from Kenya's slums. The movie, Mully, will be shown in Sydney's Cineplex theatres on October 4 and 12 at 7:00 pm. For the trailer, visit Mullymovie.ca

Mission Moments – A journey toward reconciliation

Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations and individuals walk alongside Indigenous people on a journey toward reconciliation. In June, 33 Presbyterians from across Canada visited three of the PCC's seven Indigenous ministries, worshipped at Mistawasis church and visited the sites where two residential schools were run by the PCC. The group listened to stories of anger and pain and offered apologies. They also witnessed some of the ways in which PCC ministries are transforming lives. At Birdtail Sioux First Nation, site of the Birtle residential school, Doug Hanska thanked the visitors with an honour song. He explains, "The stop they did in Birdtail, I know it may not mean much to a lot of people, but to some of us it means a lot," he said. "We can forgive and move on, like our teachings tell us."

Presbyterians Sharing supports the journey of healing and reconciliation

This week



David McIntosh, Japan Visiting Missionary

Presbyterians Sharing and the UCC support David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission (CMIM) in Tokyo, Japan. CMIM opened in April 2017, and was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan since 2012. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet, targets primarily people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups. The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ), in collaboration with other Japanese churches and Christian organizations and international church partners including the United Church of Canada (UCC).

Under the motto, *“Let us spread the tent of inclusion!”* David and his co-director, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with ecumenical and civil society partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together - “minority” and “majority” - to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God’s calling. Through personal encounters with exemplars of service to the vulnerable and the reading of scriptures in light of these encounters, CMIM seeks to develop a spirituality of reconciliation and peace that can respond faithfully to challenges affecting minorities.

David is the son of PCC missionaries John (Jack) and Clarabeth McIntosh, who served for 40 years with the KCCJ (1961-2001). David spent his formative years in Osaka, attending local Japanese schools in a community that was largely Korean. After north-east Japan was devastated by the 2011 triple disaster (earthquake, tsunami, nuclear accident) David returned to Japan as a lay missionary supported by the PCC and UCC, to serve with the National Christian Council in Japan Ecumenical Disaster Response Office. He has since served at the Asian Rural Institute, and the East Japan Disaster Relief Projects

Office of the United Church of Christ in Japan, before starting his work with CMIM.

David will visit Canada annually to speak in Presbyterian and United Church congregations, sharing the stories of this important mission. David will be visiting Cape Breton the first week of October.

Sunday, October 1st

St. Andrew's Church, North River 11:00 am

Knox Church, Baddeck 7:00 pm

Monday, October 2nd

United Heritage Church, Sydney 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3rd

Shaw Room, Bethel Church Hall,

9 Brookland Street, Sydney 10:00 am

Morning Breakfast Time with local Presbyterian and United Church Clergy

Wednesday, October 4th

St. Andrew's Church. Sydney Mines 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend any of these Sessions.

Ten Thousand Villages is coming to Calvary Baptist Church! Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America. The Festival Sale will be held **Friday, October 6th** from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm and **Saturday, October 7th** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 6 Beech St., North Sydney. Admission is free. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information call Rev. John Hannem at 902-794-2094. Your purchase makes a difference!

**Fall Communion Service
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.**

Prelude
Announcements

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship
Prayer of Adoration and Approach (The Lord's Prayer)
Hymn # 32 Within your temple, Lord
Prayer of Confession

We hear from God's Word

O.T. Lesson	Genesis 32: 22-31	(p. 25)
Res. Lesson	121	(p. 440)
Solo	Behold the Lamb	
<i>Words & Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend</i>		
N.T. Epistle Lesson	2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5	(p. 843)
N.T. Gospel Lesson	Luke 18: 1-8	(p. 742)
Hymn # 351	There is a fountain opened wide	

Sermon **At the table**

Our Response to God

Hymn # 569	O Jesus, I have promised	
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession		
Offering		
Offertory		
Doxology (#661 vs. 1)		
Prayer of Dedication		
The Apostles' Creed		(p. 3)
Hymn # 537	'Twas on that night	
The Sacrament of Communion		

We go out in Service to the Lord

Hymn # 746 What a friend we have in Jesus
Benediction & Choral Amen
Postlude

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