

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 29th, 2017
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Organ Prelude

Announcements

George Jessen

Reader

Zaria Dulvy

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

L: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world — which some seek to control, but which others view with despair —

All: We declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

L: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until God's kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

All: Our world belongs to God! God is King! Let the earth be glad!

L: Christ is Victor; God's rule has begun, Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation.

All: Praise the Lord! (Contemporary Testimony, part 1)

Prayer of Adoration and Approach

Hymn # 659

King of glory, King of peace

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

(p. 151)

Responsive Psalm #

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

(p. 424)

Hymn # 773

Jesus bids us shine

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

(p. 835)

N.T. Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22: 34-46

(p. 699)

Sermon

Living in faith, hope and love

Our Response to God

Hymn #410

Joyful, joyful we adore you

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

L: Lord God of heaven and earth, with gladness we praise you

All: for you create all things and sustain all things.

L: For making us in your image to love one another and to care for your creation,

All: we give you thanks.

L: For the gift of your Son Jesus Christ through whom we have received grace upon grace,

All: we give you thanks.

L: For the gift of your Word, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path,

All: we give you thanks.

L: For the gift of faith through which we can be reconciled to you

All: we give you thanks.

L: For the gift of your own Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth,

All: we give you thanks.

L: By your Holy Spirit, empower us to show your love to others even as we pray for:

the church and those who lead in it... **Silence**

the world that we may learn to reverence and care for it...**Silence**

Those who rule in the nations of the world...**Silence**

Those who serve as teachers, healers and caregivers...**Silence**

The poor, the homeless, the hungry...**Silence**

who mourn and are alone... **Silence**

those imprisoned for defending truth or justice... **Silence**

those who, like many Reformers, are refugees for religious reasons... **Silence**

powerless and the oppressed in all nations...**Silence**

are persecuted in the service of Christ...**Silence**

God eternal, keep us in communion with your saints of all time

That we may serve you well until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven and your kingdom fully comes. To you, through Jesus Christ your Son and the Holy Spirit, we offer all praise and honour. And now we join our voices in the prayer which Jesus Christ himself taught his followers saying:

All: Our Father who art in heaven...

Offering

Offertory

Readings for next week

Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13;
Matthew 23: 1-12

On October 10th a Special Congregational Meeting received information from the Board of Managers on our much needed upgrade to both the church pipe organ and the sanctuary lighting. It was agreed that the Board replace the electric motor for the organ at an estimated cost of ten thousand dollars. It was also agreed that the twenty-three light fixtures in the sanctuary, choir loft, balcony and vestibule be replaced at a cost of \$26,548.90. A special offering will be received to pay for these necessary upgrades. If you wish to give or make a memorial donation to the Organ Motor and Church Lighting upgrades, place your donation in a plain envelope and mark your name, envelope number and amount on the envelope and information if this is a memorial. Simply mark the envelope "Special Fund" for organ motor and lighting upgrade and place on an offering plate. (Please make cheques payable to "Bethel Church".)

Gift to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade

- In memory of Charles & Jessie Livingstone from Robert & Anne Livingstone

Gift to the Organ Motor Fund

- In memory of Toss MacAulay from Ollie
- In memory of Toss MacAulay and Marguerite Gillespie from Harold, Lynn and Jean Gillespie

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Marguerite Gillespie from son Gordon and family

Samaritan Shoe Box

Please return your shoe box by next Sunday, **November 5th**. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions contact Nancy MacDonald or Joan Richardson.

Tonight at 7:00 pm

Anniversary Service at St. Paul's, Glace Bay with guest preacher Dr. Glen Davis. All are welcome.

Celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation at Knox Church, Baddeck featuring guest choirs and guest speakers from different Protestant churches. All are welcome.

This Week

Union Church, Albert Bridge, will be holding a Christmas Brunch and Craft & Bake sale on **Saturday, November 4th**. Brunch is from 11-1 pm and is a full breakfast with dessert. Cost is \$10. Craft & Bake sale starts at 11:30. For tickets call Sandi 902-562-0676 or Linda 902-562-4713.

Under One Umbrella-Cape Breton

Winter Wear Donations Request

Event Date: Nov. 04, 2017 (12:00PM-4:00PM)

Centre 200, Sydney

Under One Umbrella Cape Breton is a special event designed to give people, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, access to a wide range of health and other support services all under one roof in one day.



Our goal is to provide easy access to services people may not otherwise have an opportunity to access.

The range of services offered at this event could vary from foot care, dental screening, eye care, hearing, medical, mental health and addiction services, , housing, haircuts, legal information, food security information, winter clothing, a hot meal and more.

Last year many churches gave donations of **warm socks (new)** which we included in our comfort kit (500 kits) and **warm winter wear for all ages including mitts, gloves, winter hats, jackets, boots or other foot wear (winter boots are in high demand)**. A total of **396 people (Men, Women & Children) were able to get winter wear**. We will be collecting donated items beginning **Sept 22st** with an **end date of Oct 20th**. We hope your faith community will once again answer our call for help.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, Eileen MacNeil, Coordinator Under One Umbrella at 902-371-0101 or Erin Forsey, Health Promotion Coordinator at 902-563-2410 or email underoneumbrella@nshealth.ca.

We truly appreciate your help and thank you for your time and support.

Eileen MacNeil/Erin Forsey



Advance Notices

A Mental Health First Aid Workshop sponsored by the Presbytery will take place from November 20-21 at St. Giles Church in North Sydney, from 9:00-4:00 each day. The workshop is limited to 25 participants. The cost of the course and the lunch will be covered by the presbytery. To register please contact Rev. Ritchie Robinson at 794-1886 or revritchie@syd.eastlink.ca.

Mission Moments – Encouragement through mentoring

Have you ever found yourself stuck and in need of good advice? Thanks to *Presbyterians Sharing*, ministers and ministries across Canada are receiving the encouragement and guidance they need to thrive through a variety of coaching networks. Programs such as the New Church Development Coaches and the Social Mentor Network bring direct support to ministries by matching them with trained coaches who provide guidance and support. Whether getting a new church start off the ground or navigating the challenges of managing a church-based outreach mission, coaches help leadership teams hear where God is calling them and equip them with the tools needed to follow God's call. In 2018 Canadian Ministries will pilot two new coaching programs in the area of evangelism and congregational renewal!

Presbyterians Sharing provides meaningful guidance and support to ministries

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