

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 8th, 2017
Thanksgiving Sunday
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude
Announcements
Reader

Ben Furey
Dianne MacLean

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship
Prayer of Adoration and Approach (The Lord's Prayer)
Hymn # 416 Blessed Jesus, at your word
Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

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| O.T. Lesson | Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | (p. 54) |
| Responsive Psalm # | 19 | (p. 390) |
| Hymn # 378 | Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning | |
| Children's Story | | |
| N.T. Epistle Lesson | Philippians 3: 4b-14 | (p. 832) |
| N.T. Gospel Lesson | Matthew 21: 33-46 | (p. 698) |
| Sermon | Caring for the Son | |

Our Response to God

Hymn # 375 Fairest Lord Jesus
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession
Offering
Offertory
Anthem All good gifts with "For the beauty of the earth"
Joseph M. Martin
Doxology (#830)
Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn #802

For the fruits of all creation

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, Ann, Heather and Sara.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Earl Moffatt and family on the passing of his brother Charles Aubrey Moffatt in Kamloops, BC.

Nursery

Today:

Sara MacQueen and Joan Grant

Next Sunday

Angela Gillespie and Heather Furey

Sunday School Shepherd

Michael Butler

Greeter at the South Door

Roy MacDonald

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Ben Furey

Visiting the Hospital this week

Kathy Hardy 562-8578

Tom MacRae 562-3893

Readings for next week

Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4: 1-9;

Matthew 22: 1-14

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Bernadette & Dennis MacGillivray from brother-in-law Gordon Gillespie

Samaritan Shoe Boxes are available 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.

This Week

Tuesday 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

The Session has called a special congregation meeting to discuss two matters:

- (1) Lighting in the sanctuary
- (2) The organ motor

Thursday October 12th 7:00pm

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. For the trailer, visit Mullymovie.ca

Saturday, October 14th AMS Fall Rally will be held in Zion Presbyterian Church in Louisbourg at 10:00 am. Executive meet at 9:15 am. Registration is \$5.00 and there will be an offering. The Speaker is the Rev Dr. Glen Matheson.

Next Sunday 7:00 pm

Fall Hymn Sing – There will be an offering taken to support Loaves and Fishes and a time of fellowship will follow in the hall.

Advance Notices

Monday, October 16th

The Board of Managers will meet in the Shaw Room at 7:30 pm

Monday, October 16th – Wednesday, October 18th.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces will be held at Calvin Church, Halifax from

Sunday, October 22nd Annual Harvest Soup Luncheon

Following the morning service all are invited to come over to the hall to share in fellowship at table.

Monday, October 23rd – Monday, November 4th 7:00 pm

A 4-week Bible Study on prayer based on Max Lucado's Book *Before Amen* will be held in the Hall each Monday night.

Saturday, October 28th at 9:00 am.

The next regular meeting of Session will be held in the hall. **Please note the change of day and time.**

St. John's Anglican Annual Bazaar/Silent Auction, 28 King Street, North Sydney **Saturday, October 28th 9 am - 2 pm.** Turkey burgers / dessert \$7.00. Eat in / take out. Tickets available at church office at 902-794-3392 or from any member of Parish Council. Free Admission to Bazaar!

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 - Day of the Girl (October 11)

A major obstacle to development in many vulnerable countries is that too many women and girls are unable to pursue their hopes and goals, hindered by discrimination and inequality. In Afghanistan, sports are generally male-dominated, but Fahima had a talent for cricket and longed for the chance to play. Presbyterian World Service & Development's Girls Education Program equips schools with sports equipment and leads awareness-raising sessions on the benefits of physical education for students' cognitive development. Fahima's school is participating in the program and now has sessions dedicated for girls to play sports. The young athlete could not be more thrilled. "The school made a cricket team and I was selected as captain," shares Fahima. "I plan on leading my team to victory!"
PWS&D empowers women and girls

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