

# Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George and Brookland Streets,  
Sydney, NS



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*

**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.

**November 12th 2017  
Remembrance Service  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.**

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Lisa MacKenzie

Reader

Heather Furey

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

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 330

O God our help in ages past

"O Canada"

(#833)

Laying of the Wreath

Gordon Gillespie, RCL Branch 12 & AC Corporal Kelsey Wheeliker -  
29<sup>th</sup> Sydney Kiwanis Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

Moment of Silence

Prayer

God of peace, your Son declared, "Blessed are the peacemakers  
for they will be called the children of God."

We confess that as human race we have not lived up to Jesus' call,  
for we settle our differences by fighting and resort to violence and  
the threat of violence when confronted by enemies.

Your son wept over Jerusalem, saying "If only they had known the  
way to peace." We do not know the way to peace. We desire  
peace, even as we arm people to fight for us. We recoil from the  
horrors of war, even as we ask people to prepare to go to war,  
putting themselves in harms' way for us. We are a deeply  
conflicted people.

During this week of Remembrance Day, we have remembered  
those who fought and died for their country. We thank you for  
their bravery. We remember those who served and returned home;  
and those who served and returned home wounded physically and

psychologically. We thank you for their willingness to serve. Grant to all those who have fought in war, your comfort and healing of body and mind.

We recognize that in Canada there are people who at one time fought against other people who now also live in this country. God of compassion, teach us to mourn all deaths and injuries caused by war, regardless of which side the losses were on. Help us in our families to teach the next generation to see in our neighbours, not people we once fought against, but instead people we are invited to befriend.

We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*(The Rev. Peter Bush, Moderator of the 143rd General Assembly)*

"God save our gracious Queen" (#834)

### **We Hear God's Word**

O.T. Lesson	Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25	(p. 168)
Responsive Psalm #	78: 1-7	(p. 417)
Hymn # 655	Give me oil in my lamp	
Children's Story		
N.T. Epistle Lesson	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	(p. 836)
N.T. Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25: 1-13	(p. 702)
Sermon	<b>Are we ready?</b>	

### **Our Response to God**

Hymn # 445	Open our eyes Lord	
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession		
Offering		
Offertory		
Anthem	Song for the unsung hero	
	<i>Words by Pamela Martin; Music by Joseph M. Martin</i>	
Doxology (#830)		
Prayer of Dedication		

## We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 487

Onward, Christian Soldiers

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 thank Gordon Gillespie and AC Corporal Kelsey Wheeliker - 29<sup>th</sup> Sydney Kiwanis Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron for their part in the service this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Jay, Mona Sneddon and Catherine Sneddon.

### **Nursery**

**Today:** Linda Henderson and Sharon Morrison

**Next Sunday** Thelma MacKillop and Linda Greaves

**Sunday School Shepherd**

Donnie Brown

**Greeter at the North Door**

Wilrod Morrison

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

Bradley Gillespie

### **Visiting the Hospital this week**

Duncan MacLeod 564-4306

Walter Letcher 539-0720

### **To the Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Josie MacDonald from Margaret Morrison and Joanne Simon
- In loving memory of Earl MacLeod, from wife, Geraldine and family.

### **Gift to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade**

- In memory of John Adams from wife Shirley and family
- In memory of Archibald & Margaret Matheson from Georgie Matheson

## This Week

### Monday

7:00 pm Bible Study *Before Amen*  
"Thank you" Session 4

This is the last study in this series.

Two weeks tomorrow we will have a two week study on Christmas. Once, again all are invited to join us

### Wednesday

For this Wednesday and next Wednesday, choir practice will be earlier than usual.

**Thursday 1:00 pm** John Geddie AMS will meet in the Shaw Room. Group 3 in charge.

**Saturday 8:00-11:00.** St. Paul's Church, Glace Bay will have a Pancake Breakfast. Cost is \$7.00.

**Our Anniversary Celebrations** will take place on the weekend of **November 18-19** this year. We will begin with a congregational supper (seating for 120 and by ticket only) on the Saturday night at 6:00 pm followed by a short program. Tickets (\$17.00) can be obtained from any of the following: Mac Cameron 902-564-0733, David Sneddon 902-567-2374, Kathy Hardy 902-562-8578, Ben Furey 902-562-2266, and Susan or George Jessen 902-567-1045. Worship Services will be held on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Our Anniversary speaker this year will be **Rev. Corrie Stewart** who will preach both services. Corrie is presently serving the Grand River and North River Charges. Special music will be provided by Cindy Price for the Sunday Services and we will have music by our own Senior Choir.

## Advance Notices

**Anxiety, Mindfulness and Centering Prayer:** This 6-week course offered by Dr. Kate McLellan BSc. MEd. LCT., Counselling Therapist and Ruling Elder of Grace Presbyterian Church will introduce the concept of anxiety and how it affects the mind, body and spirit and will introduce Mindfulness practice as a precursor to understanding Centering Prayer and the Christian context. Using *The Path of Centering Prayer* by David Frenette for the last section of the study, participants will be able to relate the practice of Mindfulness to our Christian context. The course will be offered weekly at Grace Presbyterian Church beginning **Nov. 16/17-Nov. 30/17** and resuming **Jan. 11/17-Jan. 25/17** from 7-9pm. Please contact the church at 634-7765 or Kate at [kmbellevoce@gmail.com](mailto:kmbellevoce@gmail.com) to express your interest.

The Elizabeth Pierce Guild Women's Group of the United Protestant Church, will be hosting a "Christmas Tea & Sale" on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am-2 pm. Crafts, home-baking, and vendors. Admission \$2.00, includes tea, coffee and a muffin.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers is **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the Shaw Room.

**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](mailto:revritchie@syd.eastlink.ca).

St. Matthew Wesley United Church, 2 Peppett St., North Sydney  
Tickets available at the Church Office 902-794-3651.

"Soup & Shop" **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**. Time 11:30-1:30 pm  
Price \$7.00 Eat in or Take Out. New to You Table available  
Home Bake table.

## PEAK - Young Adult Ministry

An exciting development is underway! PEAK Ministry is happy to announce a special Christmas event called, "Christmas at the Park!" This event was placed on my heart during prayer early in my ministry appointment. A community-based Christmas concert bringing Christians together, singing Christmas songs together, and preparing our hearts for the arrival of our newborn King!

The concert is **Sunday, November 26**, 3-5pm at the Wentworth Park band shell

We have four different bands/choirs playing at this concert. Lineup to be announced soon! The CBRM has been very supportive in their efforts in making this event memorable. My goal is that all walks of life, and all denominations, come to this event and are touched by the Holy Spirit and are more prepared than ever for Jesus' birthday. Therefore, I invite you all to mark your calendars and spread the word! The only thing you'll need to bring is a lawn chair. There will be hot chocolate and baked goods available. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbours, and friends for a special night of praising God in preparation of the most holy time of year. Peace, Craig Ferguson

### Coins for Camp MacLeod

The congregation is reminded to please return their "Coins for Camp MacLeod" jars by the end of **November**.

**Christmas House Tour & Tea** at beautiful Andrea Estate, formerly Arkandor. In support of the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation. Tickets available at Foundation office at Northside General or by phoning 902-794-5402. **Saturday, Dec 2, 2017** from 1 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Come socialize and enjoy this beautifully decorated home.

Civic address for the event is 2085 Hillside Boularderie,

**THE MINERS FIRST NOEL CONCERT** St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines will be hosting their Miners First Noel Concert on **Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. This concert will feature Kevin Evans of the musical duo Evans and Doherty, Bob Quinn, Jennifer Whalen, Cameron and MacKenzie Clarke, Stewart MacNeil, Lucy MacNeil, along with Lucy's two daughters Amelia and Kenna. This is a chance to see the amazing talent of the next generation of the MacNeil family. It will be a celebration of song and music in the good old town of Sydney Mines. Tickets for this beautiful concert would make a PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT for that special loved one, friends or someone who is hard to buy for. Tickets are \$25 each and are on sale at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney or Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or you can reserve yours by calling Rita @ 902-736-2508. Please be advised that our concerts sell out quickly and we only have a limited amount of tickets. This is a One Night Performance ONLY!

### **Mission Moments - Take the Advent Challenge!**

During the Advent season, we celebrate God's amazing gift—Jesus! This gift changed the world. Inspired by God's overwhelming generosity, we too work to make a difference for our sisters and brothers across the globe. Each week of Advent, Presbyterian World Service & Development challenges individuals and congregations to share the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love with those living in some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. In the midst of poverty, injustice and disaster, the Christ light shines. To help create bright futures through the Advent Challenge, visit [WeRespond.ca/advent-challenge](http://WeRespond.ca/advent-challenge).

*PWS&D is sharing the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ*