

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.

November 5th, 2017
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Richard MacAulay

Reader

Todd Gouthro

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 11

The Lord's my Shepherd

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson

Joshua 3: 7-17

(p. 153)

Responsive Psalm #

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

(p. 432)

Hymn # 631

Jesus' hands were kind hands

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

(p. 836)

N.T. Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23: 1-12

(p. 700)

Sermon

Being a Servant

Our Response to God

Hymn # 639

We are marching in the light of God

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Anthem

Walk humbly before the Lord

Joel Raney

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 635

Brother, sister, let me serve you

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 Thelma, Kay, Kathy and Heather.

Nursery

Today: Eileen MacNeil and Catherine Sneddon
Next Sunday Linda Henderson and Sharon Morrison

Sunday School Shepherd Gary Grant

Greeter at the South Door Brian Mikkelsen

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Wayne MacDonald

Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325 Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Readings for next week

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;
Matthew 25: 1-13

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 deceased family members from Charles & Linda Greaves
- In memory of David Gilholm from Lorraine & Carl Rideout
- In memory of Charles & Jessie Livingstone from Charlene Livingstone

Monday

7:00 pm Bible Study *Before Amen*
"They need help" Session 3

Mission Moments – We have much to teach

Pray for the 20 congregations attending the *Stewards By Design* conference in Orillia, Ontario this week (**November 9-12**). Keynote speaker Dr. Kennon Callahan will inspire participants as they learn how to nurture faithful giving and abundant living, expand and strengthen their mission and ministry and make generous giving an ongoing, joyful experience. Dr. Callahan will work with each team to develop a concrete plan suited for their unique situation. A past conference participant shared, "What a tremendous event! The worship was truly inspiring, the fellowship was joyful and the prayers are uplifting. The conference sessions were a true blessing for us all. We learned much and now we have much to teach." About half of the cost of *Stewards By Design* is funded by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* and undesignated bequests. *Presbyterians Sharing is inspiring generosity*

Advance Notice

St. Paul's Church, Glace Bay will have a Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, November 18th from 8:00-11:00**. 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.

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.

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.

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