

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.

December 31st, 2017
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Cecil Abel

Reader

Zaria Dulvy

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 159

Oh come, all ye faithful

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

(p.529)

Responsive Psalm #

148

(p.448)

Hymn # 149

Away in a manger

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson

Galatians 4: 4-7

(p. 825)

N.T. Gospel Lesson

Luke 2: 22-40

(p. 725)

Message

Charles Greaves

Our Response to God

Hymn # 166

Once in royal David's city

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem

Doxology (#830) & Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 153

Joy to the world

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 Linda Henderson and Linda Greaves.

There is no Sunday School today. Classes resume next Sunday, Jan. 7th.

Nursery

Today: Ginny MacLennan and Heather MacQueen
Next Sunday Joan Grant and Linda Greaves

Sunday School Shepherd Brian Mikkelsen

Greeter at the South Door Ivan Henderson

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Joan Richardson

Visiting the Hospital this week

Duncan MacLeod 564-430 Walter Letcher 539-0720

Readings for next week

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12;
Matthew 2: 1-12

Benevolent Fund is looking for a chesterfield and a rocking chair. If you have either of these items to donate contact Joan Richardson or Brad Gillespie.

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Dan Campbell from Dorothy Campbell

Gifts to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade

- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Charles & Linda Greaves
- In memory of Donald Morrison from Merle Davis
- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Roy & Nancy MacDonald

Church Envelopes for 2018 are available in the church lobby.

Winter Service Cancellations: If there is inclement weather causing Service Cancellation, notification will be posted on the church web site (bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca) and included in the church office telephone message at 902 562-3740 not later than 9:00 AM. If there is no message then Service will be held at the normal time.

Mission Moments – Called into relationship

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the Rev. Blair and Vivian Bertrand as they serve a three-year term with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi. Blair supports leadership development through the Blantyre Synod's youth department, Zomba Theological College and the Theological Education by Extension program. Vivian's desire is to support the Synod's work combating poverty. Blair feels called to this mission, and shares that "to be sent is to participate in the mission of God." Vivian adds, "As Christians, we are called into relationship. My understanding of mission centers around the idea that we are all impoverished in our own way, and as humans living in this world, through the grace of God, we have something to offer our brothers and sisters."

Presbyterians Sharing supports international mission staff

A great stocking stuffer idea

Join us in January for the Sydney Alzheimer Awareness Breakfast

"Help for Today – Everyday Advice and Resources for Healthy Senior Living" featuring geriatrician Dr. Kenneth Rockwood January 17, 2018, 7 a.m.-9 a.m. Membertou Trade & Convention Centre

To get your tickets in time for Christmas, call the Alzheimer Society at 1-800-611-6345, or visit our [website](#)

Dr. Rockwood will discuss personal dementia strategies for maintaining a healthy brain. He is a professor of medicine (geriatric medicine and neurology) at Dalhousie University and an active staff physician at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre. He is also the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation Kathryn Allen Weldon Professor of Alzheimer Research at Dalhousie. The morning will also include Niki MacLeod, dietician, talking about the importance of healthy food to maintain a healthy brain. Sherri MacPhee, Director of Education at the Cove Guest Home, will lead a session on mindfulness.

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