

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
**Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.**

Organ Prelude  
Announcements  
Reader

Charles Nicholson  
Dennis MacIntyre

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

Call to Worship  
Prayer of Adoration and Approach (The Lord's Prayer)  
Hymn # 110                      Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
Prayer of Confession

**We Hear God's Word**

O.T. Lesson                      Isaiah 64: 1-9                      (p. 531)  
Responsive Psalm #              80: 1-7, 17                      (p. 419)  
Hymn # 726                      May the God of hope go with us every day  
Lighting of the First Candle of Advent: The Candle of Hope  
(Lighting Litany led by Angela Lyle, daughters Melanie, Kylee and Hailey)  
Hymn # 119                      Hope is a star                      (vs. 1)  
Children's Story  
N.T. Epistle Lesson              1 Corinthians 1: 3-9              (p. 806)  
N.T. Gospel Lesson              Mark 13: 24-37                      (p. 719)  
Sermon                      **Living in Hope**

**Our Response to God**

Hymn # 786                      O day of God, draw nigh  
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession  
Offering  
Offertory  
Anthem                      *An Advent Credo*              *Joseph M. Martin*  
Doxology (#830)  
Prayer of Dedication

**We go out in service to the Lord**

Hymn # 795                      Christ is coming  
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 are pleased to have Angela Lyle and daughters Melanie (16), Kylee (9) and Hailey (7) lighting the Advent Candle this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Eileen MacLean and Sharon McKay.

**Nursery**

**Today:** Shirley Adams and Sandra MacLean

**Next Sunday** Lisa MacKenzie and Vivian Morrison

**Sunday School Shepherd** Roy MacDonald

**Greeter at the South Door** Mac Cameron

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door** Jean MacQueen

**Visiting the Hospital this week**

Charles Nicholson 562-3855 Wilrod Morrison 562-3573

**Readings for next week**

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 2: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

**To the Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Nancy Lohnes and family
- In memory of Donald (Donnie) MacKenzie Morrison from Kevin & Joan Richardson
- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of a great friend, Donnie Morrison from Dorothy MacDonald and family
- In memory of Donnie Morrison from John Clarke
- In memory of Donnie Morrison from the Morrison family
- In memory of family members from Hazel Kokocki
- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Diane & Fred Lynk
- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Sharon McKay
- In memory of Donald Morrison from Charles & Linda Greaves
- In memory of Walter Clarke from Flossie MacLean
- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Carl & Lorraine Rideout

### **To the Choir Fund**

- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Mervin MacLeod

### **To the Property Maintenance Fund**

- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Lorraine Colborne

### **To the Current Fund**

- In memory of Earl Taker from Edna Taker

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

- In memory of Newton Webber from Anne & Judi Webber
- In memory of Donald Morrison from Margaret and Alice MacLeod
- In memory of Murdena MacLeod, Alice Edwards and Loved Ones from Mildred MacLean
- In appreciation for the ministry of music provided each week by Peter MacDonald and Bethel Choirs from Margaret MacLeod
- In memory of Allan & Bertha MacDougall from Joyce MacDougall

**Benevolent Fund** is looking for double bed and mattress, table and chairs and television set and TV stand. If you have any of these items to donate contact Joan Richardson or Brad Gillespie.

### **This Week**

#### **Monday**

**7:00 pm** Christmas Bible Study will be held.

## Advance Notices

It is time to Start the Season Bright at the “Lights for Health” light up. This event will take place at Northside General on **Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. The evening will include entertainment by Jason Kempt, maybe a visitor from the North Pole, hot chocolate and cookies and our wonderful fireworks display. This a celebration of our fundraising event for the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation. All are welcome.



**Next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

### **Christmas Hymn Sing and Memorial Light-up Ceremony**

During our Christmas Hymn Sing, we will be including a Memorial Light-Up Ceremony. Those interested may make a donation in memory of the person or persons they wish to be remembered. The name will be placed on a tag and that tag will be fastened to a Christmas tree type light. The names will be listed in the evening’s bulletin and read at the service followed by the lights being turned on. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone, please mark the name/s to be remembered, the name of the donors as you wish it published, and your name and address or church envelope number on a plain envelope containing your donation. This year this offering may be used to support the special fund for the organ motor and electrical lighting. Please indicate this on the envelope if you wish to do this. Place this on the offering plate or send it to the Church Secretary on or before December 1st.

THE MINER'S FIRST NOEL CONCERT: Tickets are going quickly for this fantastic concert that will be held on **Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines at 7:00 P.M. Why not give a Christmas Gift of music this year, with a couple of tickets to this fantastic concert featuring Lucy MacNeil along with her two daughters Kenna and Amelia and so many more talented performers. You also see Kevin Evans, Jennifer Whalen, Bob Quinn, Stewart MacNeil, and Cameron and MacKenzie Clarke. This is a concert for the whole family, young or old with music that you will be tapping your feet to and singing along with the performers. Tickets are \$25 each and can be picked up at Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney, or you can reserve your tickets by calling 902-736-2508. Don't wait or you will miss this great concert. This is a one night performance only.

## **Mission Moments - Combating racism in Japan**

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission in Tokyo, which was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet primarily targets people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups. The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan, in collaboration with other Japanese churches, Christian organizations and international church partners. David and his co-director, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God's call.

*Presbyterians Sharing walks with vulnerable people*

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