

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.

January 7th, 2018
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Donnie Brown

Reader

Todd Gouthro

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 174

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson

Isaiah 60: 1-6

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Responsive Psalm #

72: 1-7, 10-14

(p.414)

Hymn # 173

We three kings of Orient are

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3: 1-12

(p. 828)

N.T. Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

(p. 681)

Sermon

The Magi

Our Response to God

Hymn # 172

As with gladness men of old

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Special Music

Ben Furey

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 171

The people that in darkness

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 Greta MacLeod and Sue MacRae.

Nursery

Today: Joan Grant and Linda Greaves
Next Sunday Sharon McKay and Catherine Sneddon

Sunday School Shepherd Brian Mikkelsen

Greeter at the North Door Roy MacDonald

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Michael Butler

Visiting the Hospital this week

Wayne MacDonald 562-5686 Ben Furey 562-2266

Readings for next week

1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20;
John 1: 43-51

Thanks Mona and Bill Sneddon would like to thank all members of the congregation who sent cards wishing us well in our new home. As expected, we have had a busy time with our children, grand-children and great grand-children but still miss all of you.

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.

Gifts to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade

- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Cathy & Bill Miller, Prospect, NS
- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Catherine McCharles
- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Flossie MacLean
- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Eileen MacNeil

To the Current Fund:

- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Kevin & Joan Richardson
- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Vivian Shaw and family
- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Hazel Kokocki

To Camp MacLeod

- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Catherine & David Sneddon

Preparatory Service will be held in the Shaw Room on Thursday, January 11th and Communion at the morning and evening Services on Sunday, Jan 14th.

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 - New Ways to Nourish Families

Who better to learn new farming methods from than a farmer in your community? Through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farmer-to-farmer agroecology project in Malawi, farmers selected for training are able to share their agricultural knowledge with other families in their village. Techniques like composting and intercropping are helping women and men transform plots of land into thriving sources of nourishment. Since learning to plant groundnuts and pigeon peas together on one plot of land, farmer Abel has seen his soil's fertility improve and his yields double. He and his wife Mercy are incorporating the food they grow into new recipes. "Life has greatly changed for us," shares Abel.

PWS&D supports food security for smallholder farmers

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