

# 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.

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
First Sunday in Lent  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Richard MacAulay

Reader

Catherine Sneddon

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 623

Holy, holy, holy

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson

Genesis 9: 8-17

(p. 6)

Responsive Psalm #

25: 1-10

(p. 393)

Hymn # 339

He's got the whole world in his hands

Children's Story

Litany for First Sunday in Lent

Nancy MacDonald

N.T. Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3: 18-22

(p. 858)

N.T. Gospel Lesson

Mark 1: 9-15

(p. 707)

Sermon

"God's kingdom will soon be here"

Our Response to God

Hymn # 183

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem

I love thy Kingdom Lord

*Raymond H. Haan*

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 308

Lord of all being, throned afar

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 Nancy MacDonald leading the Lenten responsive reading this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Susan Jessen, Sandra MacLeod and Flossie MacLean.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Audrey Butler and family on the passing of her brother Donald MacVicar on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held in Moncton, N.B.

### Nursery

Today: Sandra MacLeod and Linda Henderson

Next Sunday Brenda Skinner and Joan Richardson

Sunday School Shepherd Gary Grant

Greeter at the North Door Brian Mikkelsen

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Roy MacDonald

### Visiting the Hospital this week

Duncan MacLeod 564-4306 Walter Letcher 539-0720

### Readings for next week

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25;

Mark 8: 31-38

Winter Service Cancellations: If there is inclement weather causing Service cancellation, notification will be posted on the church web site ([bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca](http://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.

#### To the Sunday School Fund

- In memory of Peggy Ross from Gary & Joan Grant

#### To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Wendy MacDonald from Gary & Joan Grant
- In memory of Peggy Ross from Byron & Iylah MacLeod
- In memory of Peggy Ross from Geraldine MacLeod

#### To the Current Fund

- In memory of Wendy MacDonald from Gordon Gillespie
- In memory of Wendy MacDonald from Kevin & Joan Richardson
- In memory of Wendy MacDonald and Peggy Ross from Charles & Linda Greaves

#### Gifts to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade

- In memory of Peggy Ross from Kevin & Joan Richardson
- In memory of Peggy Ross and Wendy MacDonald from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Peggy Ross from Ruby MacAulay

Tonight – The minister is starting a series of 5 Lenten gatherings. These will be times of study, reflection and prayer. They will start at 7:00 pm and will be held in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend. The following Sessions will be held on Monday, February 26; Monday, March 2; Monday, March 9; and the last one on Sunday, March 15.

## This Week

### Monday

7:30 pm The Board of Managers meet.

### Mission Moments - World Day of Social Justice (Feb 20)

In the community where Clara lives in rural Guatemala, many people believe that women can't be strong leaders. As a result, Clara once lacked confidence in her abilities. This all changed when she participated in PWS&D-supported workshops designed to strengthen women's voices at home and in the community. Clara now works as a treasurer and health commissioner with organizations that are making her community a better place to live. While fulfilling her passion for leadership, Clara is paving the way for future generations of women to help build more prosperous, just communities. "We are highly grateful to PWS&D for supporting us in order to significantly change the hard reality of oppression and marginalization that exists."

*PWS&D promotes gender justice*

Tai Chi is a gentle set of exercises designed to improve all aspects of your life including balance, sleep and digestion. No special equipment is required. FLK Taoist Tai Chi is having an OPEN HOUSE. Come see what it is all about. Club 55, 70 Prince St, Tuesday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. ALL ARE WELCOME

### Thursday

Feb. 22. Speaker: Baha'i Faith...Soup: Loaded potato - Flavours.  
March 1 Speaker: Dr. D. Dunn-Soup: Veg. and rice-Commoners.  
These luncheons will be held at St. Georges Hall. Proceeds donated to Cape Breton Hope Project, Westmount.

## Advance Notices

The next regular Session Meeting will be on February 27th at 7:30 PM in the Shaw Room.

Tai Chi is a gentle set of exercises designed to improve all aspects of your life including balance, sleep and digestion. No special equipment is required. FLK Taoist Tai Chi is starting a Beginner Class at Club 55, 70 Prince St Tuesday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until noon. ALL ARE WELCOME. Come see what it is all about.

***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 on Thursdays weekly at Grace Presbyterian Church on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. Please contact the church at 634-7765 or Kate at [kmbellevoce@gmail.com](mailto:kmbellevoce@gmail.com) to express your interest.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT WITH EVANS AND**

**DOHERTY:** Come join us at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines for a lively Irish Concert on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Evans and Doherty will have your toes tapping and you singing along with your favorite Irish songs. Tickets are \$25 each and can be picked up at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney or Pharamsave in Sydney Mines. Don't want to go out in the cold, just call Rita at 902-736-2508 and she will reserve yours to be picked up at the door the night of the concert. If you are getting tired of Old Man Winter, this is just the concert you need to shake the winter blahs. Save the date, Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

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