

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 25th, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Lisa MacKenzie

Reader

Gwen Shepard

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 815

New every morning is the love

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

(p. 11)

Responsive Psalm #

22: 23-31

(p. 392)

Hymn # 201

We come to ask your forgiveness

Litany for Second Sunday in Lent

Stephen McCharles

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson

Romans 4: 13-25

(p. 798)

N.T. Gospel Lesson

Mark 8: 31-38

(p. 714)

Sermon

I will take up my cross

Our Response to God

Hymn # 211

Take up your cross

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem

I come to the cross

Words and Music by Bill Batstone & Bob Somma

Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 353

Hail, our once-rejected Jesus

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 Stephen McCharles 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 Eileen MacNeil, Eileen MacLean and Sharon McKay.

Nursery

Today:

Brenda Skinner and Joan Richardson

Sunday School Shepherd

Donald Brown

Greeter at the South Door

Wilrod Morrison

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Wayne MacDonald

Visiting the Hospital this week

Wayne MacDonald 562-5686

Ben Furey 562-2266

Ushers for March

Gary Grant (C), Catherine Sneddon, David Sneddon, Sandra MacLeod, Charlie Nicholson, Wilma Nicholson

Readings for next week

Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

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.

Gift to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade

- In loving memory of Peggy Ross from the family
- In memory of sister in law Peggy Ross from Walter & Marie Ross and boys, Toronto, ON
- In memory of Wendy MacDonald from John Clarke
- In memory of Peggy Ross and Dougal MacAulay from Shirley MacAulay, Morden, MB

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Helen Ferguson from John & Beth Matheson

To the Benevolent Fund

- In loving memory of a friend Wendy MacDonald from Dorothy MacDonald and family

This Week

Monday

7:00 pm Continued series of 5 Lenten gatherings. The text for tomorrow's Session will be John 9:1-41, Bartimaeus, the blind man. These will be times of study, reflection and prayer and will be held in the Shaw Room. All are invited to attend.

The following Sessions will be held on

Monday, March 5 Luke 22:24-39 What is our calling?

Monday, March 12 Luke 10:38-42 Hospitality and Care

Sunday, March 18 Matthew 27:11-61 Sacrifice

###Please note that the dates in last week's bulletin were wrong

Tuesday

7:30 pm The next regular Session Meeting will be held 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 27th from 10 am until noon. ALL ARE WELCOME. Come see what it is all about.

Thursday

March 1 Speaker: Dr. D. Dunn-Soup: Veg. and rice-Commoners. luncheon will be held at St. Georges Hall. Proceeds donated to Cape Breton Hope Project, Westmount.

Friday

12:10 CUC will meet in the Shaw Room.

Advance Notices

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 2nd at 2 pm at Westmount United Church in Westmount.

Tuesday, March 6 – the Presbytery of Cape Breton will meet in the Shaw Room at 10:30 am.

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 8th, 15th & 22nd and April 5th, 12th, and 19th from 7-9pm. Please contact the church at 634-7765 or Kate at 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 9th 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 9th at 7 p.m.

Mission Moments - Investing in the future of our partner churches

Leadership Development grants are an investment in the future. In 2011, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Takuze Chitsulo from Malawi began to study at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. In 2016, he graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies and one year later, he was appointed as the new Principal of Zomba Theological College in Blantyre, Malawi. The Rev. Dr. Chitsulo sees his appointment as an opportunity to give back to the Malawian community. In thanking the PCC, he said "You didn't only educate me, but you taught the whole church in Malawi." *Presbyterians Sharing invests in partnership*

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