

# 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Presbyterian World Service & Development Sunday  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Reader

Gary Grant

Chris McCall

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

All: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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

O God of truth and light: Enable us to enter into this time of worship with a sincerity of heart, a spirit of hope and a heart of grace. Keep us steadfast in the faith that we profess, for Christ is within us; Christ is among us. As we gather as a community of believers, rich in fellowship, let us respond to the needs we see in others, in our congregation, our community and our world through our prayers and tangible deeds of love...Our Father...

Hymn # 416

Blessed Jesus, at your word

Prayer of Confession

Leader: As a community of faith we confess our sin to God because we acknowledge the world and our lives are not as God

created them to be. We confess that each one of us participates and is part of the wrongs and injustices of the world; but we pray in confidence because God is merciful and full of compassion and promises to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God of perfect love, we pray that we might perfectly love you. Indeed, you have commanded us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. But we confess that we love you imperfectly. We love you with a divided heart. We love you with reservation and qualification, with passion withheld and devotion impaired.

People: God, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we love you imperfectly because we do not keep your commands. We have witnessed injustice and inequity and have not challenged the powers that uphold inequality, indignity and hate.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we love you imperfectly because we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have empowered those in leadership to make decisions based on self-interest and misguided assumptions. We have put our own self-interest above our neighbours.

People: God, have mercy. Amen.

### We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson	Isaiah 40: 21-31	(p.512)
Responsive Psalm #	147: 1-11, 20c	(p.448)
Hymn # 648	I'm gonna to live so God can use me	
Children's Story		
N.T. Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	(p. 811)
N.T. Gospel Lesson	Mark 1: 29-39	(p.707)
Sermon	PWS & D	
	Matthew 13:31-32	

### Our Response to God

Hymn # 632                      Help us accept each other



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 Greaves and Madeline Matheson.

Nursery

Today: Sharon Morrison and Thelma MacKillop  
Next Sunday Nancy MacDonald and Donna Mikkelsen

Sunday School Shepherd Gordon Ferguson

Greeter at the North Door Jean MacQueen

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Katherine Hardy

Visiting the Hospital this week

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467 Larry Victory 562-0944

Ushers for February

Brian Mikkelsen (C), Donna Mikkesen, Shelley MacLeod,  
Billy MacLeod, Bradley Gillespie, Angela Gillespie

Readings for next week

2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9

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 Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Heather MacKinnon

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

- In memory of Helen Ferguson from Diane & Fred Lynk

## This Week

### Tuesday

7:30 pm Session will meet in the Shaw Room.

### Wednesday

700 pm The Annual Meeting will be held. Please join in a time of fellowship, a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet at 6:30 pm before the start of the meeting.

There will be no Choir practice this week.

## Advance Notice

***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.

## Mission Moments – PWS&D Sunday

PWS&D Sunday is a day to reflect on the work our church is doing to support marginalized and vulnerable people through programs in international development and emergency relief. Together, we are responding to those who struggle for basic necessities and helping families get what they need to rise above poverty, recover from emergency situations and freely pursue their hopes for the future. Today, we give thanks for compassionate individuals and congregations across Canada and dedicated global partners who follow Jesus, living for justice, mercy and peace. By sharing Christ's love in vulnerable communities, we are helping build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

*PWS&D responds to needs around the world*

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