

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.

March 18th, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Richard MacAulay

Reader

Todd Gouthro

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 275 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (p. 561)

Resp. Psalm # 51: 1-12 (p. 405)

Hymn # 445 Open our eyes, Lord

Litany for Fifth Sunday in Lent Nathan Dulvy

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Hebrews 5: 5-10 (p. 848)

N.T. Gospel John 12: 20-33 (p.762)

Sermon "When I am lifted up. . ."

Our Response to God

Hymn # 193 Out of my bondage, sorrow and night

Offering & Offertory

Anthem High and Lifted Up *Hall arr. McDonald*

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 208 In the cross of Christ I glory

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 Nathan Dulvy 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 Donna, Heather, Kathy, Thelma and Kay.

Nursery

Today: Vivian Morrison and Susan Jessen

Next Sunday Sandra MacLean and Shirley Adams

Greeter at the North Door

Mac Cameron

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Jean MacQueen

This afternoon at 2 pm

The Cape Breton Chordsmen are hosting a wonderful Gospel Concert at The United Heritage Church in Sydney on Sunday afternoon, March 18th featuring: The Cape Breton Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus Barbershop Chorus, Quattro Barbershop Quartet, Keltic Gospel Mail Chorus, Ken Chisholm, Hell's Bells, Cape Breton Song Birds, Quarter Deck Quartet

Tonight 7pm

The last of the Lenten series in the Shaw Room. Matthew 27:11-61
Sacrifice

Visiting the Hospital this week

Linda Ross 562-2962

Gary Grant 567-1411

Readings for next week

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 11: 1-11

Gift to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade

- In memory of Donnie Morrison from Walter & Phyllis Letcher

This Week

Monday

7:30 pm Board of Managers meet in the Shaw Room.

Thursday

7:30 pm Preparatory Service in the Sanctuary.

Advance Notices

Next Sunday, March 25th Palm Sunday

Communion Services at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Friday, March 30th Good Friday

8:30 am

Presbyterian Men's Good Friday Breakfast will be held at Bethel Church Hall. Service will follow in sanctuary following the breakfast. Our Men's chorus will provide special music. Rev. Bob Lyle will preach. Free will offering to cover cost of breakfast.

1:00 pm

Bethel congregational Good Friday Service will be held in the Sanctuary led by Brad Gillespie and Bob Lyle. A free will offering will be taken to support the Cancer Patient Care Fund. All are invited to attend.

On **June 2** the Cove Auxiliary will hold a yard sale. If you have anything you'd like to donate, there is a room available for storage in the church hall.

Mission Moments - Smiling again

Pursottam was driving his bus when he experienced a sudden, agonizing pain in his hand. The ache spread through his body and became so intense that he struggled to finish his route. When the pain did not relent, Pursottam spent his savings traveling to visit neurologists, but no doctor could provide a diagnosis. Meanwhile, Pursottam grew frightened and anxious about his ability to continue working. His prayers were answered the day he heard about the PWS&D-supported hospital in the remote Banke district in Nepal. There he was diagnosed with leprosy and given effective medicine. Today, Pursottam's health has been restored. "I am so happy to see him smile again," shares Pursottam's brother. "We finally found relief here at the Banke Hospital."

PWS&D responds to illness with care and courage

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