

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 4th, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Elizabeth Matheson

Reader

Grace MacAulay

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 436

God, we praise you for the morning

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-17

(p. 54)

Responsive Psalm #

19

(p. 390)

Hymn # 204

Thou didst leave thy throne

Litany for Third Sunday in Lent

Linda Greaves

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

(p. 807)

N.T. Gospel Lesson

John 2: 13-22

(p.751)

Sermon

Understanding the temple

Our Response to God

Hymn # 366

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem

Sanctuary

Thompson/Scruggs arr. Greer

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 479

The church's one foundation

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 Linda Greaves 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 Alixe MacAskill, Marilyn Strickland and Melissa Forest.

Nursery

Today: Mildred MacLean and Lucy MacKinnon
Next Sunday Heather MacQueen and Susan Jessen

Sunday School Shepherd Carol Ferguson

Greeter at the North Door Joan Richardson

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Duncan K. MacLeod

Visiting the Hospital this week

Kathy Hardy 562-8578 Tom MacRae 562-3893

Readings for next week

Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2: 1-10;
John 3: 14-21

Gift to Special Fund for Organ Motor & Church Lighting Upgrade

- In memory of Wendy MacDonald from Margaret MacLeod

To the Sunday School Mission Project

- In memory of Peggy Ross from Margaret MacLeod

To the Benevolent Fund

- In loving memory of Wendy MacDonald from Kim & Donnie Brown
- In memory of Peggy Ross and Wendy MacDonald from Diane & Fred Lynk
- In memory of Peggy Ross from Geraldine MacLeod
- In memory of Shelley Lynn Drover from Kevin & Joan Richardson
- In memory of Wendy MacDonald from Byron & Iylah MacLeod
- In memory of Peggy Ross and Wendy MacDonald from Ivan & Linda Henderson
- In memory of Wendy MacDonald from Gordon & Wendy Ferguson

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Peggy Ross from Pat & Don Munroe

This Week

Monday

7:00 pm Continued series of Lenten gatherings in the Shaw Room. The text for tomorrow's Session will be Luke 22: 24-39
What is our calling? All are invited to attend.

The following Sessions will be held on

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

Sunday, March 18 Matthew 27:11-61 Sacrifice

Tuesday

10:30 am The Presbytery of Cape Breton will meet in the Shaw Room.

Thursday

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.

Thursday

March 8 Speaker: Dr. Laura Wright. Speaking on the new residential addictions treatment centre for women, the Cape Breton Hope Project. Soup: Turley vegetable from MacKinnon catering' Luncheon at noon will be held at St. Georges Hall. Proceeds donated to Cape Breton Hope Project, Westmount.

March 15 Michele Gardiner, St. Georges restoration. Soup: Tomato Basil from Meals on Wheels

March 22 Ericka Shea, New Dawn Center for Social Innovation. Soup: Squash Bisque from Zeffiros

Mission Moments –International Women’s Day (March 8)

As we celebrate the achievements of women this International Women’s Day, let us also reflect on the need to continue working for futures of hope and opportunity for women and girls around the world. In many countries, women do not have access to education or fair credit. They don’t have control over decisions made about their health and well-being. Too often, this inequality prevents women from making a positive difference in their lives and empowering their families and communities. PWS&D is helping women claim their rights, access vital healthcare, learn about nutrition, develop vocational skills and achieve economic independence. Women’s empowerment is critical to challenging poverty and building a more sustainable world.

PWS&D empowers women and girls

Friday

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.

Advance Notices

The Men's Brotherhood of the United Protestant Church of Sydney River will be hosting a "Fishcakes & Beans Supper" on Saturday, March 17th from 4 – 6 p.m. Eat-in or take-out. Tickets: \$12.00 and are available by phoning the church office at 902-562-4145.

The Cape Breton Chordsmen are hosting a wonderful Gospel Concert at The United Heritage Church in Sydney on Sunday afternoon March 18th at 2 pm 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

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