

# 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.

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Presbyterians Sharing Sunday  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Announcements  
Reader

Charles Nicholson  
Todd Gouthro

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

One: As God sent Christ to us, so Christ sends us into the world.

**All: We proclaim Christ in word and action.**

One: Mission is evangelism, it is the offer of salvation to all people in the power of the Holy Spirit, to be received through faith in Christ.

**All: It asks people to repent of their sins, to trust Christ, to be baptized and to enter a life honouring Jesus as Lord.**

One: Mission is service, a call to help people in need and to permeate all life with the compassion of God.

**All: We worship the living God.**

*from Living Faith 9.1.1-9.1.3*

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

**Ever faithful God, your call to us is grace itself; your word to us is hope and life; your gift to us is Jesus Christ - risen and redeeming your whole Creation. We come together joyfully; we come together to honour your work in our midst, we come to worship you as the calling Creator, the sending Christ, and the guiding Holy Spirit. Lead us now by your Spirit that we might see the sacred in one another and so bring your kingdom closer...Our Father... Amen**

Hymn # 466

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

## Prayer of Confession

God of forgiveness and grace; though we call ourselves your servants we confess that we have too often served only ourselves and squandered your gifts. Open us to your grace and keep us from resenting your justice; help us to understand the depth of your compassion; urge us to new expressions of mercy and generosity inspired by your boundless love, that was given flesh and breath in Jesus. Amen.

## We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	(p. 357)
Responsive Psalm	100	(p. 427)
Hymn # 755	Go ye, go ye into the world	
Children's Story		
N.T. Epistle Lesson	Philippians 1:1-11	(p. 830)
N.T. Gospel Lesson	Mark 9:38-50	(p. 715)
Sermon	<b>Presbyterians Sharing</b>	

## Our Response to God

Hymn # 371	Love divine, all loves excelling	
Offering		
Offertory		
Anthem	<i>Somebody prayed for me</i>	<i>Cloninger</i>
Doxology (#830)		
Prayer of Dedication		

## We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 477	Your hand, O God, has guided
Benediction & Choral Amen	
Postlude	

**WELCOME** Today, our service of worship celebrates the mission and ministry we do together through *Presbyterians Sharing*.

As Presbyterians across Canada, we join to proclaim the good news of the gospel in Canada and around the world. Together as a church we develop innovative ministries for children and youth. We equip, support and encourage leaders — lay and clergy — to do effective ministry and help congregations in their searches for new ministers. Together we work with international mission partners to share the hope and grace of God and send mission staff, short term volunteers and grants to accompany these partners in leadership development, Bible translation, Christian education, theological education and evangelism. As a church we support, encourage and enrich congregations and leaders in the areas of worship, evangelism, mission, Christian education, stewardship and leadership. We support new church developments and help congregations renew and grow their ministries. Together we speak up for the voiceless and support healing and reconciliation ministries between Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Supporting *Presbyterians Sharing* is a wonderful way in which we participate in God's life-giving mission. Come, let us worship God together.

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 Joan & Gary, Dave & Catherine, and Rahul.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Mona Sneddon and family on the passing of Bill this past Wednesday.

**Flowers** placed in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Vivian K. Shaw (Ralph), former Choir Director and Organist at Bethel Church for many years, from daughters Anislie and Alyson and son Bill.

### **Thank you**

The congregation would like to extend their thanks to Margie MacLeod for leading the service last week in the absence of our minister.

### **Nursery**

**Today:** Sara MacQueen and Catherine Sneddon

**Next Sunday** Angela Gillespie and Joan Grant

**Sunday School Shepard**

Brad Gillespie

**Greeter at the South Door**

Joan Richardson

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

Duncan K. MacLeod

### **Visiting the Hospital this week**

Linda Ross 562-2962 Gary Grant 567-1411

### **Readings for next week**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12;

Mark 10:2-16

### **To Camp MacLeod**

- In memory of Peggy Ross from Donald & Terri Jane Taylor, Charlottetown, PEI.

## To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Vivian Shaw (our former organist and choir director) from your choir family.
- In memory of Bill Sneddon, former member of Men's Choir, from your choir family

## This Week

### Tonight @ 7:00pm

Anniversary Service at St. Columba, Marion Bridge. Guest preacher will be Bob Lyle.

### CHANGE OF DATE Friday @ 7:30 pm

Please note that the Preparatory Service is Friday this week.

## Empowering Artisans Around the World!

Ten Thousand Villages is coming to Calvary Baptist Church! Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America. The Festival sale will be held **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00pm to 8:00pm and **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 6 Beech St., North Sydney.

Admission is free. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information, call John at 902-794-2094. Your purchase makes a difference!

## Upcoming Events

**Next Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am and 7:00pm**

Thanksgiving/Fall Communion services.

**Tuesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 12:00 -4:00pm**

Celtic Colours – Open Doors

Our church doors and others in our community will be open so that people attending the Celtic Colours may visit some of the sanctuaries in our community.

**Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am**

Worship service led by Rev. Daniel Cho, Moderator of the 144<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Upcoming event for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

On **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-2pm there will be a Vendor's Market at the Sydney Mines Fire Hall. There will be lots of different vendors displaying their items and products at very reasonable prices. What a perfect time to start your early Christmas shopping. Also, there will be a bake table of all homemade goodies made by the St. Andrew's women. So be sure to put this on your calendar. Come and bring a friend and stock up on your favourite goodies and gifts.

**The Auxiliary of the Cove Guest Home** are looking for new members. Our mission is to support and enhance the lives of the elderly and disabled in our community through service and fellowship. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Heather Furey (902-562-2266) or Joan Richardson (902-564-5140)

Session is suggesting that if 2 or 3 people could host the **Fellowship Time** following Sunday Service and each bring one purchased item and one home cooked item for the table plus supply the milk, cream and juice, this would make it easier for people to host the time of fellowship. We are reminded that this a Time for Tea and Chatter, not a luncheon.

### **Mission Moments – Putting faith into action**

Presbyterians across Canada share in the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*. These gifts put faith into action by embracing local, national and international mission work; providing tools for faithful ministry; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; supporting biblical and theological reflection and dialogue; living out God's call to justice; engaging in healing and reconciliation; empowering youth – and so much more! When we work together, we can accomplish far more than we ever could individually. Together, we are making a difference. "Mission and ministry are very much alive in the world and our church," says Karen Plater, Associate Secretary for Stewardship & Planned Giving. "All of this is made possible by your generous gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*."  
*Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action, in Canada and around the world*



## Under One Umbrella-Cape Breton Winter Wear Donations Request



Under One Umbrella Cape Breton is a special event designed to give people, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, access to a wide range of health and other support services all under one roof in one day.

Our goal is to provide easy access to services people may not otherwise have an opportunity to access.

The range of services offered at this event could vary from foot care, dental screening, eye care, hearing, medical, mental health and addiction services, , housing, haircuts, legal information, food security information, winter clothing, a hot meal and more.

Last year many churches gave donations of warm socks (**new only**) which we included in our comfort kit (500 kits). Because of the demand last year three hundred people did not receive a comfort kit or hot meal. Here's what we need: **warm winter wear for all ages including mitts, gloves, winter hats, jackets, boots or other foot wear (winter boots are in high demand), jeans, sweaters, etc. There is also a need for blankets and linens.**

**A total of 825 people (Men, Women & Children) were able to get winter wear. We will be collecting donated items Oct. 23- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.** We hope your faith community will once again answer our call for help. If any of your parishioners wish to make a financial donation we would greatly appreciate it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, Eileen MacNeil, Coordinator Under One Umbrella at 902-371-0101 or email [underoneumbrella@nshealth.ca](mailto:underoneumbrella@nshealth.ca).



## Billets Needed

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces is being held at Bethel from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. There are people who will be requesting to stay in homes rather than a hotel. We are anticipating needing approximately 12 billets. If you are able to accommodate 1 or 2 people for two nights and provide breakfast on two mornings, please fill in the bottom of this page and place on the offering plate or contact Eileen MacNeil or Margie MacLeod ASAP.

Thank you.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to have male  or female  billet?

How many billets are you able to host? \_\_\_\_\_