

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, February 3rd, 2019
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany and
PWS & D Sunday



Mission Statement

To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community in our worship and our living.

Vision Statement

**Our vision is to be a local community of believers where:
Jesus Christ is the 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 word 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Donald Brown

Reader

Richard Dulvy

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Love is patient; love is kind; love rejoices in the truth.

God's love is in all creation.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things.

By God's love, we are daily nurtured.

Love endures all things. Love never ends.

Through God's love we find salvation.

ALL: Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

Almighty and everlasting One, your power is incomparable, your majesty infinite, and your love beyond imagination, you are hidden in mystery, ultimately unknowable, so other and yet so present. In a hectic and busy world you are peace and you are rest. In a harsh and unforgiving world you are tenderness and you are mercy. In a dark and cold world you are light and you are comfort, and so we are moved to worship you as the one who created us, the one who redeems us, and the one who guides us, one God, this day, and always. Our Father...

Hymn

O sing a new song to the Lord

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Prayer of Confession

You do not desire for us to live in darkness or in sinful exile; you call us to liberation through confession, so out of desire to be free we confess to you our sin. God of loving kindness, we know the truth that your love is infinite and ours is so often narrow and conditional. We focus on ourselves and seek to

receive love rather than to give it, to be served rather than serve, to be forgiven but not forgive. Create in us clean hearts, forgive who we have been, help us accept and give forgiveness, and let us be at peace with you and one another.

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament		Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Responsive Psalm		Psalm 71:1-6
Children's Hymn	In the bulb there is a flower	# 674
New Testament Epistle Lesson		1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
New Testament Gospel Lesson		Luke 4:21-30
Sermon	<i>Preaching to the home crowd</i>	

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn	Where crossed the crowded ways of life	#760
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession		
Offering		
Offertory		
Anthem	<i>Without Love it Will All Pass Away</i>	
		Beall/Larson
Doxology		# 830
Prayer of Dedication		

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Closing Hymn	The love of God comes close	# 474
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. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty this morning are Heather, Sara and Ann MacQueen. We are

reminded that we are a “NUT FREE ZONE’ as there are people who are extremely allergic to nuts.

A Sunday School Group is now being offered for children 2 - 4yrs old. This time includes music, story time and activities. Until we have a sense of numbers for regular attendance this age group will leave church with the other Sunday School Children following the Children’s Hymn.

The Nursery continues to be available every Sunday, prior to the commencement of Church Service.

Should you have any questions about this Sunday School Group please feel free to speak to Linda Ross, Jennifer March or Lisa MacKenzie.

Nursery

Today: Linda Henderson and Melissa Forrest

Next Sunday Lucy MacKinnon and Florence MacKenzie

Sunday School Shepherd

Ivan Henderson

Greeter at the North Door

Gordon Ferguson

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Brian Mikkelsen

Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325

Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Readings for next week

Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Margaret Melanson from Keith & Carol Ferguson

To the Sunday School Fund

- In loving memory of our mom and wife Peggy Ross from Linda, Myrna and Gar Ross

The Session Outreach and Mission Committee will meet after the service this morning in the Library.

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Margaret Melanson from Gordon Gillespie

BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

Benevolent Committee is looking for a mattress for a **double bed**. If you have one you would like to donate please contact Joan Richardson or Brad Gillespie. Thank You

Bulletin Reflection: PWS&D Sunday

By PWS&D of the Life and Mission Agency

Our church is demonstrating God's love in some of the most vulnerable corners of our global community. In partnership with local organizations, Presbyterian World Service & Development responds to lift up the poor, the hungry and the oppressed. Together, we are building a world where women, men and children have what they need to improve their well-being, recover from emergency situations and plan for futures abundant in the blessings of Christ.

"We have received training on how to better tend to our land. It's only been the first year and I am so happy. Thank you so much!"

Since learning new sustainable agriculture practices, Rubén from Guatemala is growing more and better food to feed his family.

“It is my hope to be a mother of a healthy baby. If I follow the medical advice the midwife and the health worker gave me, I believe that this hope will become a reality.”

At a new clinic in her village in Afghanistan, Fahima received the care that enabled a healthy and hopeful pregnancy.

“I appreciate your work. I am grateful to PWS&D for making my life meaningful.”

Tilata’s life has changed since receiving mobility devices and small business training through a project helping people with disabilities in Ghana.

Inspired by God’s promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world.

Your faithful support brings this vision closer to reality. Thank you for all that you do!

“...the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.” (Psalm 33:5)

Mission Moments - PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God’s promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. February 3 is PWS&D Sunday—a day to celebrate the work our church is doing to make this vision a reality, empowering people out of poverty, hunger and oppression. Through programs in sustainable development and emergency relief, we are helping women, men and children get what they need to improve their well-being, recover from emergency situations and plan for futures abundant in the blessings of Christ. This work would not be possible without the faithful support of individuals and congregations across Canada,

and our partners overseas. Today and every day, we give thanks for those striving for justice, mercy and peace throughout the world.

PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

The Annual meeting will be held. We will begin with a tea and dessert time preceding the meeting at 6:30 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

If this meeting is cancelled because of weather, an announcement will be put on the answering machine at the church at 4:00 pm and the meeting will be on Thursday at the same time.

Saturday

A **“Pancake & Sausage Breakfast”** will be held on Saturday, February 9th from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the United Protestant Church of Sydney River. Tickets: \$6.00 and are available by phoning 902-562-4145 or from any member of the Men’s Brotherhood

Friday February 15, 2019 @ 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Maple Glazed Salmon Dinner

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 262 Brookside St., Glace Bay

\$15.00 Call 902-849-2479 or 902-737-2529

BY RESERVATION ONLY!!!

1st sitting 4:00pm 2nd sitting 5:30pm

To make your reservation call either of the listed phone numbers before Thursday, February 7th.

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