

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, January 20th, 2019
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



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
Reader

Larry Victory
Todd Gouthro

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

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

Hymn God reveal your presence # 414

Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Isaiah 62: 1-5

Responsive Psalm Psalm 36: 5-10

Children's Hymn Jesus' hands were kind_hands # 631

New Testament Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

New Testament Gospel Lesson John 2: 1-11

Sermon *A miracle*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn King of glory, king of peace # 659

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Anthem *A miracle in me* Pethel

Doxology # 830

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Closing Hymn My faith looks up to thee # 677

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 Greta MacLeod and Joan Richardson

Church Offering Receipts

You can pick up your charitable donation receipts for 2018 today.

A Sunday School Group will be offered for children 2 - 4yrs old starting *Sunday January 27th*. This time will include 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:	Sharon MacKay and Donna Mikkelsen
Next Sunday	Sharon Morrison and Florence MacKenzie

Greeter at the North Door	Michael Butler
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Greeter at the Choir Room Door	Jean MacQueen
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Visiting the Hospital this week

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467	Larry Victory 562-0944
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Readings for next week

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Monday, January 21st to Friday, January 25th
Bethel Hall
12:10 - 12:50 pm

Justice and only justice you shall pursue
(Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

Bring a bag lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Board of Managers shall meet on Monday, January 21st at 7:30pm

Annual Reports/Meeting

Groups preparing reports should submit them to the church office bethelchurch@ns.sympatico.ca no later than **tomorrow January 21, 2019** for inclusion in the Annual Report.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Bethel Church

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

A tea and dessert time will precede the meeting at 6:30 pm. All are invited to come as we receive the reports of what we have done in service as the people of God in 2018 and as we vision as to what and where God might be leading us in 2019 and into the future.

Bulletin Reflection: Sent to Be in Relationship

By Cindy Stephenson, Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, AB

Genuine hospitality means entering rich and meaningful relationships with people beyond our church's walls.

In my home church, we have an existing relationship with an organization that supports women exiting situations where they are being exploited and trafficked. Many members of our church have been part of this ministry. We've helped to provide safe housing for women and their children to get off the streets, and we've raised funds and gathered gift bags at Christmas.

Responding to God's call to go deeper in this partnership, we recently invited the organization to hold some of their programs in our church. They were interested in using our space, but one of the managers was concerned that some of the language their clients use would be offensive to some people in the church.

We were able to assuage her worries and the organization accepted our invitation. But, the concerns she expressed underscored just how far the church needs to go to be seen as truly believing that "all people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings" (Psalm 36:7).

As we are sent out to be in relationships beyond the walls of our churches, let us be open to confronting the barriers in our own hearts and minds that stop us from embodying the radical hospitality to which we are being called.

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings." (Psalm 36:7)

Mission Moment

January 20: Serving vulnerable people in Romania

Life is difficult in Romania. The monthly salary of a school teacher is the equivalent of about \$250 USD, so many people feel forced to leave in search of work in other EU countries. This economic migration is creating new challenges for the Romanian society. There are over 300,000 migration orphans and a growing number of elderly people who are left behind. The good news is that they are not left alone. Since 2011, Diakonia Christian Foundation for Social Work of the Reformed Church in Romania has been reaching out to Roma children, people living with disabilities, and the elderly. In 2017, the foundation's social workers and volunteers made over 8,200 visits to the elderly, providing services such as helping with personal hygiene, cleaning and providing medical care or devices. Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping to accompany and care for vulnerable people in Romania.

Presbyterians Sharing cares for vulnerable people

Tuesday, January 29th 7:30pm The Session will meet in the Shaw Room for its regular meeting.

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