

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, January 27th, 2019
The Third 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

Beth Matheson
Zaria Dulvy

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Prayer of Adoration & Approach (The Lord's Prayer)
Hymn God's law is perfect # 9
Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Responsive Psalm Psalm 19
Children's Hymn We are one in the spirit # 471
New Testament Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
New Testament Gospel Lesson Luke 4:14-21
Sermon *Proclaiming good news to the poor*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Will you come and follow me # 634
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Offering
Offertory
Anthem *We are One, Lord* Pethel
Doxology # 830
Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Closing Hymn I, the Lord of sea and sky # 592
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 Sharon McKay and Eileen MacLean.

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 *today*. 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: Florence MacKenzie and Sharon Morrison

Next Sunday Linda Henderson and Melissa Forrest

Sunday School Shepherd

Mike Butler

Greeter at the South Door

Mac Cameron

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Tom MacRae

Visiting the Hospital this week

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467

Larry Victory 562-0944

Readings for next week

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

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Margaret Melanson from Eileen MacNeil

Tuesday

6:30pm The CE committee will meet in the Library

7:30pm The Session will meet in the Shaw Room for its regular meeting.

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 Into the World

By the Rev. Allyson MacLeod, Keswick Presbyterian Church,
Keswick, ON

He was still wet behind the ears from his baptism in the Jordan River, still charged up from his forty days in the desert with the tempter. Where would Jesus go from here?

His ministry was just hitting the ground. Jesus wound his way from the wilderness through small town Galilee, stopping here and there at local synagogues, his Holy Spirit-filled teaching making an impression wherever he went.

It was from Nazareth where his ministry was launched, and not just Nazareth, but in the synagogue where he had been raised; in that worshipping, teaching community where he, along with others, young and old, was formed by and for the Word. On this day, when they gathered to listen, Jesus rose from among them and read from the scroll of Isaiah. It wasn't that he was reading the assigned lesson as determined by the lectionary for the day. No, ^[1]_[SEP]he searched the scroll until he found Isaiah's prophecy of the One sent by God to proclaim good news. He was not home in Nazareth to stay, but to go. He was making an announcement. God was sending him out into the world.

God is sending us out into the world. Where will we go from here?

"Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone." (Luke 4:14-15)

Mission Moments

Providing hope for New Canadians

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides direct, person-to-person assistance to help refugees start new lives in Canada. They help refugee claimants, accepted refugees and sponsored refugees access protection and justice, and develop a sense of belonging in Canadian society. For more than 20 years, Action Réfugiés has provided programs to create social support and networking opportunities for newly arrived refugee families. Recently, they started a new men's dinner program that offers a meal along with social programming. These programs help to reduce social isolation and provide practical knowledge for living in Canada.

Presbyterians Sharing supports refugees

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