

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**Transfiguration 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**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements  
Reader

George Jessen  
Chris McCall

### APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn                      Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus                      # 370

Prayer of Confession

### THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament                      Exodus 34:29-35

Responsive Psalm                      Psalm 99

Children's Hymn      Tell me the old, old story                      # 499

New Testament Epistle Lesson                      2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

New Testament Gospel Lesson                      Luke 9:28-36

Sermon                      *On a mountain*

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn                      Swiftly pass the clouds of glory (tune # 699) # 186

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Anthem                      *We are the hands of Christ*                      *Raney/Parker*

Doxology                      # 830

Prayer of Dedication

### WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Closing Hymn                      Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine                      # 687

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 today are Thelma, Kathy, Heather and Kay.

## **Change in Church Office hours**

The office is open Thursday and Friday mornings from 9-1 pm instead of Mondays and Fridays. Please have all notices for Sunday's bulletin sent in to the office by Wednesday evening of each week.

## **Nursery**

**Today:** Sandra MacLean and Shirley Adams  
**Next Sunday** Heather MacQueen and Vivian Morrison

**Sunday School Shepherd** Beth Matheson

**Greeter at the North Door** Tom MacRae

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door** Mac Cameron

## **Visiting the Hospital this week**

Charles Nicholson 562-3855 Wilrod Morrison 562-3573

## **Readings for next week**

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 24; Hebrews 10:1-4; Luke 2:42-52

## **Scripture Pages**

Scripture page numbers are not being printed in the bulletin as there is two different NIV translations in the pews and there are three or four different size Bibles.

## 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

### **To the Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of John Angus MacLeod from Philip and Donna Lee MacLeod

### **Volunteer Help**

The Mission and Outreach Committee of the Session met last Sunday and there was a discussion concerning the fellowship times following Hymn Sings, and the Annual Meeting dessert time. The feeling was expressed that there are people who might like to do things for these events:

1. provide food
2. serve at these events
3. provide financial support to get things for these times.

The Christmas Hymn Sing and Memorial light-up is already doing this. There are usually 4 hymn sings during the year, during the 4 seasons. If you would like to volunteer to help at 1 or more of these events, please speak to one of the committee members. (Gary Grant, David Sneddon, Susan Jessen, or Ivan Henderson)

**Also, we are looking for people interested in learning to operate the chair lift in the hall. Once we have the names of those willing to do this, a schedule will be posted. If you are willing to do this, please speak to Walter Letcher.**

## **Bulletin Reflection: Sent to Care for our Neighbours**

By the Rev. Peter Coutts, Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church,  
Calgary, AB

The Apostles said, “Master, it was good for us to be here.” Good, because they experienced the presence of God. Good, because it prompted their desire to act. And how did they act? The next day in the community they tried to help a boy who experienced seizures — a disorder of the brain. In the end they needed Jesus’ help, but it was good of them to care.

Calgary Presbyterians are supporting people in their neighbourhoods with a different brain disorder: Dementia. It has been called the plague of the 21st century. “Side by Side” began at St. Andrew’s and spread to Varsity Acres. It’s a once per weekday program that is filled with singing, physical and mental exercises, music therapy, crafts, a devotional time and lunch. It provides a fun-filled and interesting day away for the dementia sufferer and a day for self-care and rest for the family caregivers.

Experiencing the presence of God compels us to act by loving our neighbours in the neighbourhood. And we can still say, “Master, it was good for us to be here” because the act of loving our neighbour transfigures us as well.

*“Master, it is good for us to be here.” (Luke 9:33)*

### **This week**

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

Thursday, March 8

## Mission Moments - International Women's Day

Access to information and services for reproductive health rights remains a significant challenge for women around the world, especially in poor communities. Many women are not able to decide if or when they have children, or how many. Girls forced into early marriages are made vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections and early pregnancy. It is proven time and again that empowering women helps improve economic growth and development—part of this must be access to necessary health services and the ability to make decisions about their bodies. PWS&D is responding in India to raise awareness of sexual and reproductive health and provide women and girls with a network of support so they can decide their own futures.

*PWS&D ensures health, education and safety for women*

Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation is hosting an International Women's Day Luncheon on **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon** to celebrate the accomplishments of women at the Northside Emera Centre, catered by the Black Spoon Bistro, guest speaker; Margaret Nichols-MacAdam from The Hope Project. Tickets are \$25 and are available by phoning 902-794-5402.

## Reminder for next Sunday



## Advance Notice

# Lent Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Monday nights starting at 7:00pm during the season of Lent. This will start on March 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Max Lucado study on the theme of Lent based on his book: He chose the nails.

March 11	Session 1	He chose to be one of us
March 25	Session 2	He chose to forgive us
April 1	Session 3	He chose to invite us into his presence
April 8	Session 4	He chose to love us forever
April 16***	Session 5	He chose to give us victory

\*\*\* The last Session will be on the Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>

The Men's Brotherhood of the United Protestant Church of Sydney River will be hosting a "Fish Cakes & Beans Supper" on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m.** Tickets: \$12.00 and are available from any member of brotherhood or by calling the church office at 902-562-4145. Eat-in or take-out.

## Annual Winter Fun Day

We will once again have a Winter Fun Day on **Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> (1-3)** – a time for us to relax and have some fun together. All are invited to come!!!

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