

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 17th, 2019
Second Sunday in Lent



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

Richard MacAulay
Catherine Sneddon

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn Holy, holy, holy # 299
Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Responsive Psalm 133
Children's Hymn Jesus loves me # 373
Litany for Second Sunday in Lent Harold Morrison
Children's Story *A perfect smoothie*
Second Lesson Ephesians 2:4-10
Third Lesson James 2:14-19
Sermon *Blended*
 Gary Grant

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Brother, sister, let me serve you # 635
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Offering
Offertory
Solo *The Anchor Holds*
 Lawrence Chewning; Ray Boltz
 Walter Letcher
Doxology # 830
Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Closing Hymn I know not why such wondrous grace # 683
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. We thank Gary Grant for his leadership in the service today and thank Harold Morrison for his part in the Lent Litany. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Dianne MacLean, Carol MacLeod and Murdell MacLean.

Nursery

Today: Susan Jessen and Carol MacLeod
Next Sunday Mildred MacLean and Angela Gillespie

Sunday School Shepherd Charles Nicholson

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday March 24th (next Sunday)

Greeter at the North Door Sandra MacLeod

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Ben Furey

Visiting the Hospital this week

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467 Larry Victory 562-0944

Readings for next week

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

To the Benevolent Fund

IMO Karen Halliday Kickham from Harold and Lynn Gillespie.

Bulletin Reflection: Gathered to Walk Together

*By the Rev. Lynne Donovan, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
Picton, ON*

A Labyrinth provides an opportunity for the ancient practice of walking meditation. The walking symbolizes our journey with God. The labyrinth serves as a place of sanctuary, a place for listening, a place for letting go.

In the Labyrinth, we experience being held by the Mystery that we call God before returning to the world fortified to live and serve in our daily lives.

The people of St. Andrew's and our friends often walk the labyrinth together. We also walk together in our lives. We meditate together. We eat and drink in each other's homes. We come together in community to encounter God.

This Lent we encourage you to walk with the people in your communities. To discover God's presence together and to be transformed by that presence to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

"Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path." (Psalm 27:11)

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This week

Monday @ 7:30pm

Board of Managers will meet.

There is no Bible Study this week.

Bible Study will be held during the season of Lent. It will be a Max Lucado study on the theme of Lent based on his book: He chose the nails.

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 16th

Annual Winter Fun Day

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

Advance Notice

The Session will meet in the Shaw Room for its regular meeting on **Tuesday, March 26th** at 7:30 pm.

Registration for the Spring Session of TIME OUT along with the first class, will be held at United Heritage Church, 500 Charlotte St., on **Wednesday, March 27th** from 9:30–11:30 am. Registration Fee \$20. Courses available: Needle Point, Gardening, Quilting, Tarabish, Crocheting, Knitting & Scrapbooking. For further information, please call Rosena @ 902-562-5890.

Gospel Concert at United Heritage Church, 500 Charlotte St., Sydney, Sunday, April 7th @ 2:00 pm. Featured guests: Cape Breton Chordsmen, Helles Belles, Pat Moore, Keltic Chorus, Breton Songbirds, Ken Chisholm, Jubilee Singers. Tickets \$20 available in advance from Fred Miles or Wilfred Butler or at the door.

Mission Moments –

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April 5-6, 2019 @ Carman United Church, Sydney Mines

SET FREE! RETREAT

Registration now open!

www.carmanunited.ca/setfree

902-736-9233

Starting Friday at 5pm with dinner

A weekend meeting with Jesus to be set free and receive the life God has for you!

Want to deepen your relationship with God?

It doesn't matter if you've been coming to church your whole life or you've never been to church before, we all need a little more God in our life.

Jesus shares these powerful words in Scripture: "If you hold to my teaching, then you really are my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32 NIV).

Set Free is a weekend retreat where we will walk with Jesus, hear his love for us, find healing for our broken souls, and recapture the joy he extends to us on behalf of God.

The retreat runs from 5 to 9pm Friday and 8:30am to 8:30pm Saturday. The cost is \$50 (\$51 if paying online) and includes dinner Friday evening as well as lunch and dinner on Saturday.

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