

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 24th, 2019
Third 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

Lisa MacKenzie
Margie MacLeod

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn Within your temple, Lord # 32
Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:1-9
Responsive Psalm 63:1-8
Children's Hymn There were ninety and nine # 347
Litany for Third Sunday in Lent Kevin Richardson
Children's Story
New Testament Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
New Testament Gospel Lesson Luke 13:1-9
Sermon *Listening when we don't want to*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Lord, Jesus, who through forty days # 200
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Offering & Offertory
Anthem *God Will Make a Way* *Moen arr. Hayes*
Doxology # 830
Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn In the cross of Christ I glory # 208
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 Kevin Richardson 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 Gwen Shepard, Nancy MacDonald and Lorraine Rideout.

Sympathy

The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to

- Betty Morris and family in the passing of son Glenn Morris whose funeral was Wednesday.
- Joan Richardson and Family in the passing of Virtue Mouland whose funeral was Thursday.

Nursery

Today: Mildred MacLean and Angela Gillespie

Next Sunday Nancy MacDonald and Sharon McKay

Sunday School Shepherd

Carol Ferguson

Greeter at the South Door

Jean MacQueen

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Kathy Hardy

Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325

Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Readings for next week

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

To the Benevolent Fund

- IMO Karen Halliday Kickham from Kathy Hardy
- IMO Glenn Morris and Virtue Mouland from Roy and Nancy MacDonald

Bulletin Reflection: Gathered to Walk Together

*By the Rev. Sharzad Kandalaf, Barrhaven Presbyterian Mission,
Barrhaven, ON*

God placed a vision in the hearts of the Presbytery of Ottawa to plant a church in Barrhaven that builds relationships and serves the diverse community in our neighbourhood.

Our community life is modelled on the life of first Christian communities. We eat together, spend time with one another, pray for our community and praise God with one spirit. In all we do, we support each other to grow in faith and in service of Jesus the Christ.

We are small, but we believe that God has gathered us together to bear fruit and to share with excitement the stories of our faith. God never ceases to call people into new things. We are faithfully responding by returning to the core practices of our faith — listening for God, loving one another, and being formed into a sent community by the Holy Spirit.

God calls all communities at all times. What is God calling you to this Lenten season?

“Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.” (Isaiah 55:3).

This week

Monday 7:00pm 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*.

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| 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

Tuesday @ 7:30pm

Session will meet in the Shaw Room.

Advance Notices

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.

SET FREE! RETREAT

April 5th- 6th Carmen United Church, Sydney Mines

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.

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.

Preparatory Service

A Preparatory Service will be held on **Thursday, April 11th at 7:30pm.**

Spring Communion

Spring Communion Services will be held on **Sunday, April 14th 10:30 am and 7:00pm.**

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 19th

8:30am Good Friday Men's Breakfast & Service will begin in the Hall, followed by a service in the Sanctuary. Rev. Ritchie Robinson will be the speaker. All men all ages are invited to attend.

1:00pm Good Friday Service will be held in the Sanctuary for all to attend.

Nineteenth Annual Women's Breakfast

Saturday, April 27th 8:30 am

Breakfast served downstairs in Memorial Hall.

9:30 Program in the sanctuary.

The program this year is entitled: **Gardening with God** and will be presented by the women of Ross Ferry Knox Presbyterian Church. Individuals or church groups are asked to bring a gardening item (ex. ordinary seeds, gardening gloves, gift cards to gardening centres, Wal-Mart or hardware stores) which will be given to support the Hope Project.

Cost: \$10.00.

Reservations can be made by calling Barbara Tower (902) 929 – 2037 or E-mail address: don.tower@seasidehighspeed.com

This is a morning of good food, fellowship, and fun -well worth the early morning drive!

Mission Moments –

Honouring Indigenous art

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Picton, ON is building relationships with Indigenous people through the celebration of Indigenous art and culture. The church is now home to the largest Indigenous mural on a church in Canada. The congregation received permission by award-winning Métis visual artist and author Christi Belcourt to reproduce her Art Gallery of Ontario commissioned piece, *Wisdom of the Universe*. A team of Toronto muralists spent one week recreating the 37'x 36' mural on the church's north exterior wall. The entire mural is comprised of dots to represent beadwork, which is a common theme in much of Belcourt's work.

Presbyterians Sharing supports healing and reconciliation initiatives

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