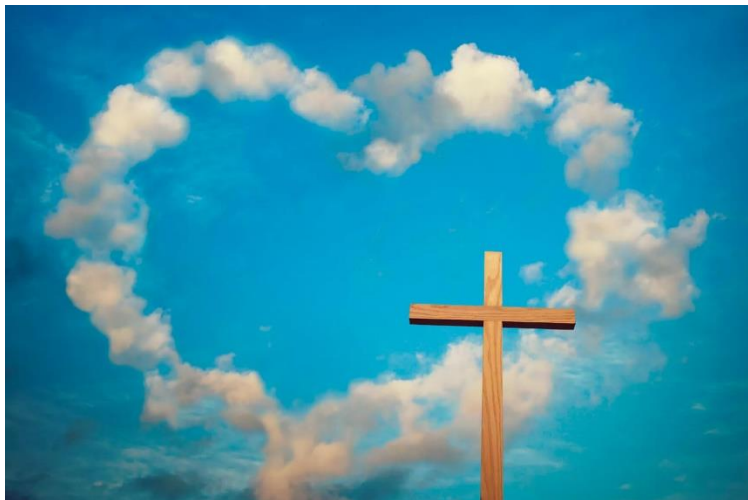


Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 31st, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Lent



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
Grace MacAulay

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn Jesus stand among us # 452
Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Joshua 5:9-12
Responsive Psalm 32
Children's Hymn Jesus loves me this I know # 373
Litany for Fourth Sunday in Lent Eileen MacNeil
Children's Story
New Testament Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
New Testament Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Sermon *God's loving Son*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Softly and tenderly # 640
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Offering & Offertory
Anthem *We bow down* *Paris arr. Larson*
Doxology # 830
Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn May the mind of Christ my Savior # 644
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 Sandra MacLeod, Susan Jessen, Flossie MacLean and Deanna Gilholm

Nursery

Today: Nancy MacDonald and Sharon McKay

Next Sunday Ginny MacLennan and Sara MacQueen

Sunday School Shepherd

Donald Brown

Greeter at the South Door

Roy MacDonald

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Ivan Henderson

Visiting the Hospital this week

Duncan MacLeod 564-4306

Walter Letcher 539-0720

Readings for next week

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Ushers for April

George Jessen, Sonny MacAulay, Kate McCharles, Stephen McCharles, Todd Gouthro & Stephanie Gouthro

To the Benevolent Fund

- IMO Virtue Mouland from Flossie MacLean
- IMO Virtue Mouland & Glen Morris from George & Susan Jessen
- IMO Glenn Morris from Margie MacLeod
- IMO Karen Halliday Kickham from Alice and Margie MacLeod

- IMO Mother-in-Law Virtue Mouland from Joan and Kevin Richardson.

To the Current Fund

- IMO Virtue Mouland & Glen Morris from Eileen MacNeil
- IMO Virtue Mouland & Glen Morris from John Clarke
- IMO Virtue Mouland & Glen Morris from Wayne & Mary Penny
- IMO Glenn Morris from the Ladies Thursday morning Bible Study
- IMO Vivian & Ralph Shaw from Aynslie, Allison & Bill Shaw

Bulletin Reflection: Sent to Heal Relationships

By the Rev. Iona MacLean

Living Faith says, “Worship draws us into the work of Christ” (7.3.3). Paul says something similar: God, “who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5:18). Gathered to hear and receive the good news of God’s grace, we are sent into a world of conflict and alienation to heal relationships.

The brokenness of human relationships reflects a broken relationship with God. But God in Christ ends the hostility between humanity and God, doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Jesus’ life, death and resurrection inaugurate “a new creation.” In this new order, alienation gives way to reconciliation.

For Presbyterians, the ministry of reconciliation is embodied in many ways, including our journey toward healing with Indigenous neighbours, our response to disasters, war and persecution providing relief and hope, our efforts in health care, education, human rights, farming, our research and advocacy on

international affairs, our involvement in peacemaking through Project Ploughshares.

The ministry of reconciliation happens in our own backyard, too—in our homes, church, workplaces, communities—as we let God’s gracious Spirit work among us so that all can enjoy the abundant life that is the gift of a loving, welcoming God.

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

This week

Monday 7:00pm Bible Study is being held during the season of Lent. It is a Max Lucado study based on his book: *He chose the nails*.

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

Advance Notices

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 Bethel Church 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 Bethel Sanctuary for all to attend.

Nineteenth Annual Women's Breakfast

Saturday, April 27th 8:30 am North River Bridge Church

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 and cancellations necessary .Reservations can be made by calling Joan Richardson@ 902 564-5140.** This is a morning of good food, fellowship, and fun -well worth the early morning drive!

The Watoto Children's Choir, from Uganda, East Africa, will present their concert "We Will Go" on **Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm** at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines (643 Main Street)**. This inspirational, high-energy concert is approximately 1 ½ hours in length and is age appropriate for young and old as well as everyone in between! Admission to this wonderful concert is FREE but there will be a Free Will Offering collected in support of Watoto's mission with children who have been impacted by the AIDS/HIV crisis. So save the date that's Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. If you haven't seen these children before then this is one concert you should attend. For more information, please contact Rita at 902-736-2508

Saturday May 4th 2-4pm Spring Tea in Bethel Hall

All are invited to attend.

Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, Louisiana Concert at Bethel Church, Sydney Tuesday May 14th 7:00pm

Organized in 1941 by Dr. A.C. "Cheesy" Voran, the Centenary College Choir has concertized throughout the world, giving concerts in 32 nations on six continents. The Choir has sung for frontline troops in Korea, the Presidents of the United States and Switzerland, the Queen of Denmark, the leaders of NATO, and the Prime Minister of Thailand. In May 2019 the Choir embarks on its first ever tour of Canada, exploring the "Deep Roots" of our Louisiana-French- Acadian heritage. Additionally, the Choir has performed in many of the most prestigious venues in the world, including Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, St. Peter's Basilica, Cathedral Notre Dame, Sydney Opera House, San Francisco Opera House, Canterbury Cathedral, and many others. Receiving a very rare honor for any organization, the Choir has been invited to The White House seven times to give programs of Christmas music for special guests of President and Mrs. Bill Clinton and President and Mrs. George W. Bush.

The young women and men of the Choir come from many areas of the nation and other countries and represent most of the academic majors offered by the College. Members of the Choir receive one of the finest college educations possible while making enduring friendships as a part of the Choir family and tradition. Members are selected by auditions held October through March for the following term. Persons wishing to audition should contact the director of the choir or the school of music to arrange an appointment. The Choir is affiliated with the Hurley School of Music and offers scholarships for all its members. For those interested in majoring in music, the College offers an extensive Bachelor of Arts Music degree with several optional areas of

emphasis, including performance, choral music, sacred/church music, and composition. Please invite all to come and join with us.

Cove Auxiliary Yard Sale

On Saturday, June 1, the Cove Auxiliary is holding their annual yard sale. If you have any items you'd like to donate, there is a small room available for storage in the church hall. (Contact person, Heather Furey 902-562-2266)

Mission Moments

March 31: Serving. Leading. Connecting.

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the mission and ministry we do together in Canada and around the world. Together as a church we equip, support and encourage leaders—lay and clergy—to do effective ministry. We send mission staff, short-term volunteers and grants to accompany international and Canadian mission partners. We assist new church developments and support, encourage and enrich congregations as they renew and grow their ministries. Together we speak on issues of justice and support healing and reconciliation ministries between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we are proclaiming the good news of the Gospel.

Presbyterians Sharing supports a wide range of ministry and mission