

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, April 14th, 2019
Palm Sunday/Spring Communion Services



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

Jennifer March
David Butler

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn All glory, laud and honour # 214
Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9
Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Anthem One Thousand Hosannas Parker/Raney
Children's Hymn Children of Jerusalem #415
Litany for Palm Sunday Chris Victory
Children's Story
New Testament Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:5-11
New Testament Gospel Lesson Luke 19:28-40
Sermon *Here comes Jesus*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Thou didst leave thy throne # 204
(Those sitting in the balcony and wanting to take part in the
Communion service and the choir will come down into the main
sanctuary during the singing of this hymn.)
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Offering & Offertory
Doxology # 830
Prayer of Dedication
Reception of New Member

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn Here, O my Lord, I see thee (vs.1-3) #543
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn Lift high the cross #643
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. Being received into Communicant Membership is Pat Munroe by decision of Session. We thank Chris Victory for her part in the Lent Litany. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Lynn Gillespie and Carol MacLeod.

Communion Cards are available at the back of the Sanctuary. If you didn't get one or forgot yours today, please pick one up.

Nursery

Today: Marilyn Strickland and Joan Grant
Next Sunday Catherine Sneddon and Melissa Forrest

Sunday School Shepherd

Brian Mikkelsen

Greeter at the North Door

Wilrod Morrison

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Sandra MacLeod

Visiting the Hospital this week

Kathy Hardy 562-8578

Tom MacRae 562-3893

Readings for next week

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

To Camp MacLeod

- In memory of Nannie (Virtue) Mouland from Amy McWhirter.
- In memory of Virtue Mouland from Sandra and Terrance MacLeod.

The Cove Guest Home is collecting recipes for a cookbook to commemorate their 75th anniversary. Anyone wishing to share their favorite recipes may contact Heather Furey at 902-565-3747. Thank you.

Bulletin Reflection: Sent to Share our Faith in the Lord Jesus

By Professor Ross Lockhart who teaches at St. Andrew's Hall and is Minister-in-Association at St. Andrew's/St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, North Vancouver, BC

Our pilgrimage group slowly made its way down the Mount of Olives, stopping to hear Scripture and imagining Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

The crowds roared at the beginning of that first Holy Week, but there were other voices at play that day. The religious leaders perceived the challenge of the world-changing effect of Jesus' ministry saying, "Teacher, get your disciples under control."

Pausing in a quiet garden along the route, we sat and reflected on Jesus' response to the Pharisees. "If they keep quiet, even the stones will cry out." Those words reminded us of both the sovereignty of God and the sinfulness of humanity. When were we quiet when we should have spoken out?

As redeemed sinners, we are called to witness to the glory of God at work all around us in acts of reconciliation and healing. Too often, however, we shrink back from speaking and living our faith in the world outside our stained-glass sanctuaries.

This Holy Week, let us prayerfully, respectfully and boldly share our faith in the Lord Jesus and add our voices to those who cried, "Hosanna in the highest." Next Sunday a stone will be rolled away and the whole creation will sing of God's glory!

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! worship Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!" (Luke 19:38)

This week

Tuesday 7:00pm

This is the last session of Bible Study held during the season of Lent. It is a Max Lucado study based on his book: *He chose the nails*.

April 16*** Session 5 He chose to give us victory

Thursday 2:00 pm

The John Geddie AMS will meet with Group 2 in charge. A freewill offering will be taken to purchase Gardening gift cards for the Hope Project.

Friday 8:30 am 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.

Advance Notices

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 - Creating community for new Canadians

Life in Christ Ministry provides support and assistance for Arabic and Farsi speaking refugees living in the Greater Toronto Area. Each year, the ministry offers a New Beginnings Training Program that provides practical workshops aimed at helping refugees adapt to local Canadian communities, including learning English and developing other life skills. By offering games and activities for children at the same time as adult workshops, the program responds to the need for parents to attend programs with their children. In addition, the program provides meaningful job opportunities for students and volunteers.

Presbyterians Sharing welcomes refugees

Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Approach

Hymn *Open our eyes, Lord* # 445

Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Psalm 31:9-16

Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love* # 229

New Testament Gospel Mark 14

Sermon: *Up and down week*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *All who the name of Jesus bear* # 342

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Doxology # 145 vs. 4

Prayer of Dedication

The Apostles' Creed p. 3

Communion Hymn *Let us break bread together* # 548

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn *Jesus, remember me (3x)* # 206

Benediction

Choral Amen & Postlude