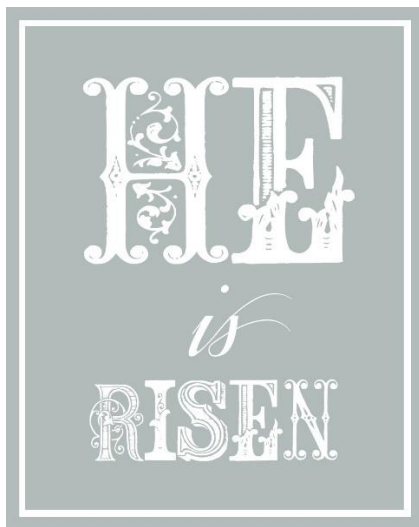


**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**  
**Easter Sunday**



**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	David Sneddon
Reader	Todd Gouthro
Prelude	

### APPROACH TO GOD

Introit	Hallelujah! The strife is o'er	
Call to Worship		
Hymn	He is Lord	(2x) # 252
Prayer of Confession		

### THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 65:17-25	
Responsive Psalm	118:1-2, 14-24	
Anthem	Because He Lives	Gaither arr. Schrader
Children's Hymn	Jesus is risen from the dead	#254
Litany for Easter Sunday		Carl Rideout
Children's Story		
New Testament Epistle Lesson	Corinthians 15:19-26	
New Testament Gospel Lesson	John 20:1-18	
Solo	See what a morning	Getty/Townend
	Melanie Lyle	
Sermon	<i>Up from the grave . . .</i>	

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn	Alleluia, alleluia	# 260
Offering & Offertory		
Anthem	In the Garden	Miles arr. Larson
Doxology		# 830

Prayer of Dedication

## WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn Thine be the glory #258  
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 Carl Rideout 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 Eileen MacLean and Sharon McKay.

### Nursery

**Today:** Catherine Sneddon and Joan Richardson  
**Next Sunday** Melissa Forrest and Sharon Morrison

**Sunday School Shepherd** Michael Butler

**Greeter at the South Door** Mac Cameron

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door** Duncan MacLeod

### Visiting the Hospital this week

Charles Nicholson 562-3855 Wilrod Morrison 562-3573

### Readings for next week

1 Chronicles 16:23-29; Psalm 118:14-29; Matthew 26:6-13;  
Revelation 1:4-8

### To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Ruby MacAulay from Dorothy MacDonald and family

## **To the Choir Fund**

- In memory of Earl MacLeod from his wife Geraldine and family

## **To the Current Fund**

- In memory of James MacQueen, Annie Penny, dear friend Ina MacDonald and brother and sister-in-law David & Louise MacLean from Marion Hopkins

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

## **Bulletin Reflection: Easter Sunday: Despair Transformed to Easter Boldness**

By the Rev. Peter Bush, Westwood Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, MB

Overwhelming grief. Mary Magdalene had stood at the cross as Jesus died; she saw him buried in the cave tomb. Early Easter Sunday, she and the others returned to mourn awhile more. But the stone was rolled back, the tomb empty, the body gone. Confusion mixed with grief.

Mary stayed at the tomb when Peter and the other disciple left. A stranger asked why she was weeping. Turning to look at him, she heard him say "Mary." In that moment, she knew the startling truth: Jesus is alive.

Turning from the despair of the tomb, she saw Jesus risen to life again. She boldly told the others, "I have seen the Lord."

The risen Jesus calls us by name, inviting us to turn our focus from the grief, confusion and hopelessness that can dominate our lives—to see He is alive. Everything has changed—hope replacing despair, the resurrection answering the power of death.

We, like Mary, have good news to boldly tell. Christ has triumphed—Jesus is alive. God’s life-giving transformation is at work in the world. Death, destruction and despair are defeated in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

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

## **This week**

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**“Pancake & Sausage Breakfast”** United Protestant Church of Sydney River Tickets: \$7.00 and are available by phoning 902-562-4145 or at the door.

## **Advance Notices**

**The Watoto Children’s Choir**, from Uganda, East Africa, will present their concert “We Will Go” on **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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

## **19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LEADERSHIP PRAYER BREAKFAST – CAPE BRETON DIVISION**

The theme of this year's Leadership Prayer Breakfast is "*Honouring Our Healthcare Community*".

Encouraging stories of faith and caring will be shared by guest speakers: ER Physician Dr. Laura Whyte, Cove Guest Home Administrator Cheryl Deveaux, and Mental Health Physician Dr. Scott Milligan. In addition, Shauna Doolan and the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Choir will contribute their musical talents for the event.

Each day members of the healthcare community come to work with the goal of helping to make the day better for those who need their assistance and professional care. Paramedics, nurses, doctors, medical technicians and administrative and support services, provide hope and comfort in difficult situations.

Now we can show our appreciation and support for those who are there for us, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, often in very trying circumstances.

**FRIDAY, MAY 3 7:30AM MEMBERTOU TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE TICKETS \$30 EACH AND \$240 PER TABLE PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

For further information and to order tickets please contact :  
islebusmin@gmail.com | 902.565.8786 | cbprayerbreakfast.com

This event is brought to you by Island Business Ministries, a non-denominational, registered charitable organization established in 1994 and under the direction of a local Board of Directors. The mission of the organization is to bring the message of Hope into the marketplace.

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm Spring Tea in Bethel Hall**

All are invited to attend.

**Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, Louisiana Concert at Bethel Church, Sydney Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> 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 – April 21: Earth Day (April 22)**

On Earth Day, we reflect on the uniqueness of God's creation and the ecosystems that nourish us. Unfortunately, contributions to greenhouse gas emissions continue to take a toll on the planet's health and trigger extreme weather patterns such as prolonged drought and heavy rains. These weather patterns can make it difficult for small-scale farmers in the global south to meet their food needs and earn liveable incomes. The need to adapt to these challenges is now a reality, and Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing support. In Guatemala, Haiti, Malawi and Nicaragua, PWS&D is empowering farmers to learn sustainable, environmentally-friendly farming techniques that both heal the earth and improve crop yields.

*PWS&D helps the earth and future generations flourish*