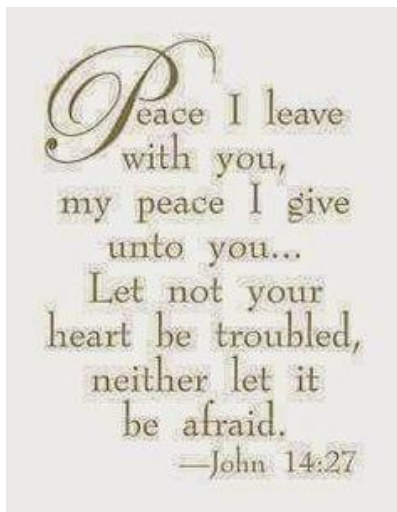


Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, May 26th, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

Piano & Flute Prelude	Peter MacDonald & Nolena Gilmet
Announcements	Bradley Gillespie
Reader	Zaria Dulvy

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	God of mercy, God of grace	# 39
Prayer of Confession		

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson		Acts 16: 9-15
Responsive Psalm		# 67
Children's Hymn	Give me oil in my lamp	#655
Children's Story		
N.T. Lesson	Revelation 21:10, 22:1 - 22:5	
N. T. Gospel Lesson	John 14: 23-29	
Sermon	<i>Troubled hearts</i>	

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn	God of the sparrow, God of the whale	# 307
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession		
Offering & Offertory		
Anthem	<i>Do not let your hearts be troubled</i>	Larson
Doxology		# 830
Prayer of Dedication		

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn	Go now in peace	# 620
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. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Donna Lyle & Joan Grant.

Nursery

Today: Kim Brown and Sandra MacLeod
Next Sunday Donna Mikkelsen and Angela Gillespie

Sunday School Shepherd Donald Brown

Greeter at the South Door Katherine Hardy

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Joan Richardson

Visiting the Hospital this week

Kathy Hardy 562-8578 Tom MacRae 562-3893

Readings for next week

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17:20-26

Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Lorraine Colborne from Catherine & David Sneddon

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Lorraine Colborne from Eileen MacNeil

The Property Committee has a propane fireplace insert available to anyone who may be interested. This is free for the taking or a donation would also be gratefully accepted. Please contact Walter Letcher at [902-539-0720](tel:902-539-0720) for further information.

Bulletin Reflection: Sent to Invite

By Joan Smith, Women's Missionary Society Treasurer

When The Presbyterian Church in Canada announced the Healing & Reconciliation Tour, I eagerly applied to go. I felt that it would be a culmination of the life-changing journey that I began in 2012 when I attended my first national Truth & Reconciliation Commission event.

I would have the opportunity to once again listen to people speaking their truths about the experiences they had. I would have the experience of seeing the two memorials at the sites of Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School and the abandoned building that was once Birtle Residential School. I would have the experience of being and reflecting with others about what we had seen and heard.

However, as we travelled, I soon realized that this was not an ending to my journey, but only the beginning. I learned that healing can only be accomplished when we say that we are sorry and when we follow through in our actions. Reconciliation can only happen if we remember and accept in our hearts what Terry, one of the Elders at Birdtail (MB), said: "It is worthwhile to reconcile!" We must all work together to bring about reconciliation; we are responsible for making necessary changes to make sure that this happens.

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18)

This Week

Tonight 7:00 pm St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines will be celebrating its 179th anniversary on Sunday, May 26th. An evening of music and favourite hymns will feature the group "Chalkdust" and congregational hymn singing, followed by a time of fellowship. Everyone is invited...

Tuesday 7:30 pm The Session will meet.

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)

Advance Notices

St. Matthew Wesley United Church will be holding their Annual Auction on **Friday, June 7th**, at the North Sydney Firemen's Club. It will begin with a chili supper from 4-6p.m. Eat In or Take Out, dessert included. Price \$8. Free entertainment during the supper provided by The Family Tree Band. Silent Auction from 4-6:45pm followed by a Live Auction with MLA Alfie MacLeod as Auctioneer with some great items including seafood, BBQ, homemade quilts, etc. Balloon prizes, home bake table, and some surprises! Everyone welcome, free admission.

Saturday, June 8th

AMS Presbyterial will be held in St. James, Boularderie and the Executive Meeting is at 1:00pm and the Annual Meeting will follow at 1:30. **Please note that these meetings are in the afternoon this year.**

Presbytery Workshop for Session Members

Saturday June 15 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Don Muir – Deputy Clerk

The Theology of Presbyterian Governance (God and Governance)

The Role of the Session (What's an elder to do?)

The Relationship between Session and Board of Managers
(Session and Board – Conflict and Cooperation)

Jim MacDonald – Stewardship & Planned Giving – Development
Manager

Growing Steward Leaders
(The Stewardship Committee in your church)

Preparing for Legacy Gifts
(Setting up your church to receive gifts)

Helping your Congregation to Give
(Teaching people about legacy gifts)

There will be a soup and sandwich lunch

To register please contact

Rev. Ritchie Robinson @ revritchie@syd.eastlink.ca or 794-1886

Thursday, June 20th 7:30 pm Preparatory Service in the Sanctuary.

Saturday June 22nd 11:00-1:00
Annual Fun Day



Join us for lots of fun, games, music and of course our BBQ. Bring your family and friends. We are asking for donations of cookies for Family Fun Day. Please drop them off on the morning of the event. Thank you for your help with making our event great. **We are looking for some volunteers to help out with fun day.** If you are willing please speak to Carol Ferguson or the minister.

Sunday, June 23rd, 10:30am Summer Communion Service and recognition of our graduates following the morning service in the Hall. If you have a name of a graduate please give that name to the minister so the names can be printed in the bulletin on that day. Also, there will be communion at 7:00pm that night.

Mission Moments – Family-style worship

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Family Church of Heritage Green in Stoney Creek, ON is a community of faith offering family-style worship that includes all. From songs and prayers written with kids in mind to interactive activities that draw the gathered community into God's presence, every service brings families together while putting Christ at the center. All programs in the church, such as kids club, youth leadership-in-training and parent support groups, work towards the goal of supporting local families while building lasting relationships.

Presbyterians Sharing supports new congregations