

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**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 of God.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship:

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn #461                      Be thou my vision

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O. T. Lesson:                      Proverbs 16:1-9

Responsive Psalm:    92

Litany for Fourth Sunday in Lent

N. T. Gospel Lesson:    Luke 18:9-14

Anthem

Sermon                              Don't I look good!

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #374                      O for a thousand tongues to sing

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #332                      How great thou art

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

**Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Roy Webber. Reading scriptures are George Jessen and Joyce MacDougall. Lent reading will be read by Beth Matheson.

**Reading next week** are Elizabeth Matheson and Arun Daniel Ravindran and Joyce MacDougall will be doing the Lent reading.

### **To Current Fund**

In memory of Ann Michele "Mitzie" Fogarty from Harold & Lynn Gillespie

### **To Benevolent Fund**

In memory of Simon MacKinnon from Ben & Heather Furey

**Sunday School Easter Egg Memorial:** On Easter Sunday the Sunday school will be placing brightly coloured Easter eggs in a basket in memory of loved ones at the front of the Church. The names of those being remembered will also be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To purchase a memorial egg please put the names of those being remembered, and by whom, along with \$5.00 per name and your envelope # or address for an income tax receipt. Please mark on envelope, Sunday school Easter Memorial. Place it on the collection plate or give to Linda Ross. We would like the donations in by April 2. The Sunday school children will also be doing a short program on Easter Sunday.

**Camp MacLeod** is looking for staff for the 2023 summer camp. If you are interested or know of someone, contact Sandra MacLeod 902 539 2467 or look up the website.

### **MINISTERIAL ASSISTANCE**

Should you require the assistance of a minister, please contact the Church Office and leave a message or contact

Charles Greaves, Clerk of Session, and arrangements will be made for you.

### **Mission Moment**

Hawa Issifu lives in Ghana with her husband. Hawa became ill with a disease that caused damage to her spinal cord. Her husband explored every option available to them in search of a remedy but found none. One day, Hawa was registered for assistance at the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centre by the Centre's field staff during a community survey. With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development, the CBR program provided Hawa with a tricycle and wheelchair, as well as business training and access to start-up capital for a small business. **This assistance helped Hawa get around independently, and her business is gradually expanding and creating new opportunities for her family.**

### **Prayer Calendar**

**Sunday, March 19 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)** We pray for the members of the Special Committee on Petitions 1 and 2, 2021, as they prepare a statement of apology to people who have been harmed by racism and xenophobia in the church.

**Monday, March 20** We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and give thanks for the many ways they are being empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives with support from the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation program.

**Tuesday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)** We pray for courage and wisdom to

recognize racism and discrimination in society and in the church so that we may grow to become communities of justice for all.

**Wednesday, March 22 (World Water Day)** We give thanks for the clean water that families in Sudan, Yemen and other conflict-affected countries can access as a result of Presbyterian World Service & Development's water, sanitation and health projects that help repair wells.

**Thursday, March 23** We pray for Muslims throughout the world observing the holy month of **Ramadan**.

**Friday, March 24** We pray for Pun Narayan and the staff of the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre in Nepal as they welcome and care for people living with mental health issues.

**Saturday, March 25** We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their ministry.

### **Responsive - Psalm 92 NIV**

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

**<sup>2</sup>proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,**

**<sup>3</sup>to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.**

**<sup>4</sup>For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

<sup>5</sup>How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts!

**<sup>6</sup>Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand,**

<sup>7</sup>that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.

**<sup>8</sup>But you, LORD, are forever exalted.**

<sup>9</sup>For surely your enemies, LORD, surely your enemies will perish; all evildoers will be scattered.

**<sup>10</sup>You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured on me.**

<sup>11</sup>My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

**<sup>12</sup>The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;**

<sup>13</sup>planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

**<sup>14</sup>They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,**

<sup>15</sup>proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."