Bethel Presbyterian Church Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS Sunday, April 30th, 2023



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 #674 In the bulb there is a flower

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O. T. Lesson: Isaiah 42:5-7

Responsive Psalm: 139:1-12

Hymn #773 Jesus bids us shine

Children's Story

N. T. Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

N.T. Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-7

Anthem Softly and tenderly

by William J. Thompson

Message: The Light Shines in the Darkness

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn#461 Be thou my vision

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning are members of the John Geddie AMS group. Reading next week are Carol Ferguson and Richard Dulvy.

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the Committal Service for Christine Nicholson which was held at Hardwood Hill Cemetery on Thursday conducted by Gary Grant.

To Loaves & Fishes Society

In memory of Christine Nicholson and Edward MacPherson from Fileen MacLean

To Current Fund

- In memory of Christine Nicholson from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In memory of Edward MacPherson and Christine Nicholson from Margie MacLeod
- In memory of Merle Davis from Tom & Sue MacRae
- In memory of Christine Nicholson from Joan & Gary Grant
- In memory of Byron MacLeod from Gordon Gillespie and family

To Property Fund

In memory of Christine Nicholson from Gordon & Wendy Ferguson

To Benevolent Fund

- In loving memory of Christine Nicholson from Charles & Wilma Nicholson
- In loving memory of Earl MacLeod from wife, Geraldine and family.
- In loving memory of Byron MacLeod, from mother in law, Geraldine MacLeod and family.
- In loving memory of Byron MacLeod, from wife, lylah and family.

 In loving memory of Earl MacLeod, from daughter, lylah MacLeod. and family.

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

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith, proclaiming God's love, hope and grace through the decisions we make and the actions we take. Together, we support congregations, theological colleges, camps, presbyteries, synods and specialized ministries as they nurture disciples and share our faith. We help leaders explore new models of ministry, and we help people experiencing barriers to traditional social engagement overcome them in innovative ways. Through mission staff and grants, we accompany international mission partners. We live out God's call for justice by collaborating with ecumenical and interfaith partners to speak out against injustice, advocate for human rights and care for creation around the world. God does remarkable things with the gifts we give.