## Bethel Presbyterian Church Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #65 All people that on earth do dwell

## CHILDREN'S TIME AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Children's Story

Hymn #519 Jesus, friend so kind and gentle

Invitation

Presentation and Vows

The Act of Baptism

Hymn #773 Jesus bids us shine

### **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Responsive Psalm: 78:1-7

N.T. Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Choir Anthem: Open Our Eyes, Lord by Bob Cull

arr. by Benjamin Harlan

Message: Failing to plan ahead

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #655 Give me oil in my lamp

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Pastoral prayers

## **GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #687 Blessed assurance

Benediction and Choral Amen

#### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service is Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod. Reading today are Richard MacAulay and Dennis MacIntyre. Being received through the Sacrament of Baptism this morning are Livie Rose Brake and Leo Russell Brake, daughter and son of Amanda Lockerbie and Russell Brake. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Gordon Ferguson at the Main Door and Richard MacAulay at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Leading the service will be Rev. Ritchie Robinson. Readings will be done by Beth Matheson and Eileen MacNeil.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the families of Donald Campbell whose funeral was held in the Sanctuary on Friday; Gwen Smith whose funeral will be held tomorrow at Sydney Memorial Chapel at 2pm; and to Deanna Gilholm whose aunt Jessie MacDonald passed away.

#### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Dorothy Maxwell and Gwen Smith from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Roy & Nancy MacDonald
- In memory of Dorothy Maxwell from Debbie & Nick Denny
- In memory of Valerie MacIntosh and Charles Penny from Thelma MacKillop

#### **To Choir Fund**

In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Mervin MacLeod

#### To Benevolent Fund

- In memory of parents Georgie & Walter, grandmother Sadie Ferguson, aunt Sandra Ferguson from Janice & Karen Mudge
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Harold & Lynn Gillespie
- In memory of Gwen Smith, Dorothy Maxwell, Donnie Campbell and Valerie MacIntosh from Ben & Heather Furey
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Mary & Wayne Penny
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Eileen MacLean
- In memory of Gwen Smith from Roy and Nancy MacDonald
- in memory of Gwen Smith from Gus and Alixe MacAskil
- In memory of Gwen Smith from The Bethel Choir
- In memory of Gwen Smith from Sharon McKay in memory of Valerie MacIntosh and Dorothy Maxwell from Linda and Ivan Henderson
- in memory of Charlie Penny, Dorothy Maxwell, Valerie MacIntosh and Gwen Smith from Kathy Hardy
- in memory of Donnie Campbell from Brad and Angie Gillespie
- in memory of Charles Penny, Valerie MacIntosh and Dorothy Maxwell from Flossie MacLean
- In memory of Gwen Smith from Thelma MacKillop

## To Property Maintenance Fund

In memory of Gwen Smith from Mary Stone

## To Camp MacLeod

- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Thelma MacKillop
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Kathy Hardy

John Geddie AMS will once again support the Christmas "Adopt-a-Family" program sponsored by the Every Woman's Center. If anyone would like to financially assist us in this local mission, please see any member of AMS or leave your contribution in an envelope on the Bethel offering plate on the next two Sundays. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be held in the Shaw Room at 2pm on **Thursday, November 16**<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, November 18:** An Anniversary turkey supper will be held in the Hall at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased from Linda Ross 562-2962, Sandra MacLeod 539-2467 or Kathy Hardy 562-8578. Today is the cut-off date for tickets to the Anniversary Supper.

**Sunday, November 19:** Bethel will be celebrating our 97th Anniversary with the Rev Ritchie Robinson as our Anniversary Speaker.

**The Congregation of St. James-Knox** will be celebrating their amalgamation on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. There will be music and presentations during the service, as well as time of fellowship and potluck in the church hall in the basement. Please come and celebrate with us.

**Bethel's Memorial Hymn Sing** will be held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the church, followed by a time of Fellowship in the hall. Memorial donations may be placed on the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. You are asked to have your donations made by November 22<sup>nd</sup> so the Memorial Listing may be prepared for the service.

The Worship and Nurture and Program Committee is looking for volunteers to look after the fellowship hour after church. The set up would be the same as during the summer except the volunteers would be responsible for making tea. If you are interested, please phone Linda Ross 902 562 2962.

#### **Mission Moments**

We are a vibrant denomination, working together to put our faith into action. When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we share in God's mission and proclaim God's love. We participate in mission and ministry in Canada, build strong congregations, support theological colleges and provide resources and educational opportunities. We serve vulnerable people, seek justice and work toward healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We share Christ's love around the world, sending grants and staff to encourage, equip and accompany PCC partners in their ministry. Through Presbyterians Sharing, we make mission and ministry happen. None of this would be possible without your generous gifts.