Bethel Presbyterian Church Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent Minister: Rev. David F. Coull, B. Sc, MDiv



# **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 Announcements Call to Worship Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer) Hymn #39 God of mercy, God of grace

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson:	Numbers 21:4-9
Responsive Psalm:	107: 1-3, 17-22
Hymn #758	Christ's is the world
Litany for Fourth Sunday in Lent	
N.T. Epistle Lesson:	Ephesians 2:1-10
N.T. Gospel Lesson:	John 3:14-21
Anthem:	Calvary
	by Mary Kay Beall & John Carter
Sermon:	Is it both/and or is it either/or?

## Our Response to God

Hymn #209O Love that wilt not let me go(Please remain standing for the offering)Offering & Doxology (#830)Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

## We Go Out In Service

Hymn #651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer Closing Prayer and Benediction Postlude

#### Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Gary Grant and Annie Rebecca Arun Daniel. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Ivan Henderson at the Main Door and Gary Grant at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Beth Matheson and Kevin Joel Arun Daniel.

#### **To Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Margie MacLeod and Murray MacLeod from Sharon McKay
- In memory of Wilrod Morrison and Margie MacLeod from Harold & Lynn Gillespie

## To Camp MacLeod

In memory of Margie MacLeod from Debbie & Nick Denny

## **To Current Fund**

In memory of Margie MacLeod and Wilrod Morrison from Linda & Donnie Robertson

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10am. Bible study will be held in the hall. It will be on the Gospel of John and leading the study will be Rev. David Coull. For those who are intending to come to the bible study, please bring a pen and five coloured pencils!

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the hall.

On Easter Sunday the Sunday School will once again be placing brightly colored 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 it to one of the Sunday School Teachers. The children will be doing a short Easter Program on Easter Sunday. **The deadline for the Easter memorials will be on March 24.** 

If there is anyone that would like to have a hospital visitation or visitation at home please call Rev. Coull 902-919-1372 or Gary Grant 902-567-1411.

The Worship and Nurture and Program Committee is looking for volunteers to usher for the months of May, June, July and August, either for the full month or a few weeks. Please contact Sandra MacLeod (539–2467) or Kathy Hardy (562– 8578).

Winter storms may make it necessary to cancel Sunday Services for safety reasons. If the Sunday morning weather is inclement, and you wonder if the Service is cancelled please call the church office 902-562-3740 and check the voicemail. If the service is cancelled, there will be a notice of the cancellation on the voicemail by 9am. You may also check the church website at bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca in the Messages section and an announcement will also be made on Facebook.

## **Mission Moments**

"We are brave and strong because we learned important information about rights, feelings and participation." PWS&D

supports a human rights program in Guatemala that not only empowers women by ensuring they know their rights but also equips them with essential skills and knowledge about food security and nutrition. Through education on when and how to plant vegetables, grow tree seedlings and how to care for livestock, women have more stable incomes and improve their family's access to nutritious meals. "We are happy for our project. We sell the trees in the town and use the money to buy food," shares one of the participants. This program provides women with the resources and skills they need to lift themselves out of poverty and create a more equitable society.