

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, April 28th, 2024



Bethel 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.

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

L. As we come to worship today Lord

R. We come into your Presence with Hope, Faith, & Love.

L. Now Faith is being sure of what we Hope for and certain of what we do not see.

R. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our Faith.

L. Let us keep Your Commandments:

R. Love the Lord your God with all your Heart and with all your Soul and with all your mind and with all your Strength;

L. Love your Neighbour as yourself.

R. Come Let us Worship together. Amen

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Lord's Prayer)

Hymn – 685 How firm a foundation

First reading: Acts 8: 26-40

Responsive Psalm: 22: 25-31

Hymn – 645 Follow me the Master said

Children's Story

N T Epistle: 1 John 4: 7-21

N T Gospel: John 15: 1 – 8

Anthem A childlike faith

by John A. Ray & Susan Naylor Callaway

Message: Keeping the Faith

Hymn – 689 Simply trusting every day

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering and Doxology #830

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn – 744 Will your anchor hold

Benediction and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service today are members of the John Geddie Auxiliary of AMS. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

Next Week: Readings will be done by Brad Gillespie and Linda Greaves.

To the Piano Fund

- In loving memory of husband Byron MacLeod donated by Iylah and family.
- In loving memory of son-in-law Byron MacLeod donated by Geraldine MacLeod
- In memory of Joan Ferguson and Mary Strickland donated by Kathy Hardy

Finance and Maintenance Committee will meet Monday, **April 29th** at 7:00 PM in the Shaw Room.

Session will meet on Tuesday, **April 30th** at 7:00 PM in the Shaw Room.

Bible Study – "An Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels" will continue on **Thursday, May 2nd** at 10am in the Shaw room.

Advance Notice: The funeral for Margaret (Margie)

MacLeod will be held in Bethel Church on July 13. Visitation at 10:00 AM and the funeral will take place at 11:00 AM. There will be a reception in the church hall following the service. Burial will follow at Goose Cove Cemetery.

Ascension Day this year is on May 9th. Sunrise that day is at 5.35 am. For anyone interested in joining Rev David at Mira Gut at 5.15 am on the 9th of May to watch the sunrise over the Atlantic Ocean, we will watch the sunrise, have a short Ascension Day service and then we will stop for breakfast together on the way back into town. All welcome.

The Vancouver School of Theology has now posted its confirmed summer courses (running in July). You can audit the courses or take them for credit. If you are interested, please check the Vancouver School of Theology website. The times for the courses are all in Pacific Summer Time.

Our **Special Piano Project** is continuing to receive considerable support. It has been estimated that it could cost about \$5000.00 to replace the piano with one of suitable quality to meet our needs. To date we have received \$4,157.00. We thank all the supporters and look forward to receiving sufficient support to aid in the purchase of the new piano. Thank you.

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 for fellowship after Church. If you are interested, please phone Linda Ross 562-2962.

Communion Dates for 2024: June 23rd and October 6th.

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