

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**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 #377                      Come, children, join to sing

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

First Lesson:                      Acts 10:44-48

Responsive Psalm:              Psalm 98

Hymn #434                      For the beauty of the earth

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson:              1 John 5:1-6

N.T. Gospel Lesson:              John 15:9-17

Anthem:                              Somebody prayed for me

*by Claire Cloninger & Robert Sterling/arr. by Marty Parks*

Sermon:                              In good company

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #795                      Christ is coming

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**We Go Out In Service**

Hymn #485                      Saviour like a shepherd lead us

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

**Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Bradley Gillespie and Linda Greaves. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Gordon Ferguson at the Main Door and Bradley Gillespie at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Gary Grant and Catherine Sneddon.

### **To Current Fund**

In memory of Tom Bennett from David & Catherine Sneddon

### **To Piano Fund**

- In memory of my parents Duncan & Florence MacQueen and brother Art MacQueen from Linda & Donnie Robertson
- In memory of Judy Hunter Bentley from Debbie Denny
- In memory of Judy Hunter Bentley from Susan & George Jessen

### **To Camp MacLeod**

In memory of loved ones from Edna Taker

### **To Choir Fund**

In memory of Margie MacLeod from Philip & Donna Lee MacLeod

**Ascension Day this year is on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**Bible Study** - "An Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels" will continue on **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am** in the Shaw room.

**For those who wish to become members of Bethel, there will be a meeting in the Shaw room after morning tea at 12:30 on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Any prospective new members are welcome.**

**ADVANCE NOTICES:**

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

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.

**THANK YOU – OUR PIANO PROJECT IS SUCCESSFUL:** At the recent meeting of Session, we learned that sufficient funds have been received to replace the piano in the Choir Loft! We thank you for your support of this project. Arrangements are being made to have the new piano installed.

**The Camp MacLeod Committee** is once again asking for your help as we prepare for the Camp Season. Last year we sent out a list of requested donations and were happily surprised at the response we received. Your generosity and support made a big difference, because it not only kept our food cost down, but it also saved the cook a lot of time spent shopping. We hope you will be generous again this year. We know food costs continue to climb, and we are committed to not increasing the cost of the camp. We hope you can help.

-Camp MacLeod Committee Convenor, Peter MacDonald

**Requested Donations:** Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce, Kraft Dinner, Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Juice Powder, Pizza Sauce, Cereal (non-generic), Pancake Mix and Syrup,

Salsa, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Mayo, Granola Bars, Marshmallows, Cake Mixes, Icing, Jello, Pudding, Freezies, Taco Shells, Rice, Wraps/Tortillas.

**Ways to make your offering to support the work of our church**

Your offering can be made by using the following methods: Preprinted envelopes (distributed in December for the following calendar year); Using a plain envelope, and writing your name, mailing address, and amount of offering on the envelope; Using preauthorized remittance (PAR) with an amount deducted from your bank account monthly; by e-transfer from your bank account. The email is [bethelofferings@bellaliant.com](mailto:bethelofferings@bellaliant.com) A form to enroll in the PAR program is available in the vestibule. Completed forms can be turned into the church office or placed in the collection plate. At present, we are not able to have auto deposit for e-transfer. A security question and answer must be chosen by the transferer and must be easily guessed by the Treasurer. Each e-transfer has to be individually accepted by the Treasurer. We are trying to implement auto deposit e-transfer. We ask that, if possible, consideration be given to using the PAR offering option, instead of e-transfer.

**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.

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.

**Communion Dates for 2024:** June 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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