

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bethel Congregation**  
**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

Welcome and Call to Worship

The God of wisdom calls us to worship;

**In humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.**

The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;

**In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.**

The God of past, present and future welcomes us into this moment;

**In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!**

Let us worship God together.

**Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!**

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

Hymn #773

Jesus bids us shine

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsive Psalm: 16

Hymn #636 When voices are confusing

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-8

Anthem: Surely the Presence

*by Lanny Wolfe/setting by Joel Raney*

Sermon: Rev. Peter MacDonald

*Solo* *How Great Thou Art*

*by Carl Gustav Boberg & Stuart K. Hine*

Soloist-Cindy Price

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #786

O day of God, draw nigh

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (#830)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

### **We Go Out In Service**

Hymn #371

Love divine, all loves excelling

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.

A warm welcome is extended to our anniversary speaker Rev.

Peter MacDonald, minister of St. James-Knox Bras d'Or.

Reading today are David Sneddon and Lydia Barikdar.

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Brian Mikkelsen at the Main Door and David Sneddon at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Elizabeth Matheson and Kallol Sarker.

Preparing the Way – John the Baptist is a live performance featuring Scripture, famous works of Art, magnificent music sung by a choir, and thoughtful reflection. Preparing the Way brings alive the story of John the Baptist as he urged a return to the Lord and heralded the arrival of Jesus Christ. This is an extraordinary way to experience the true meaning of Christmas. There will be two performances of Preparing the Way: 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River 2pm Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, Sydney. Join Us! Admission is without charge.

**Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm** The John Geddie Auxiliary AMS will meet in the Shaw Room.

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12–2pm St. Columba church hall, Marion Bridge** Turkey salad and strawberry shortcake, eat in or take out. Adults \$15, children \$7. Baking, craft table and silent auction.

**Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 1–3pm at The Cove Guest Home.** The Cove Auxiliary is having a Christmas Bake Sale. Get your Christmas baking done early! Don't forget to bring your own bags.

**Saturday, November 30 from 10–12pm.** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Glace Bay, is having a Christmas Bazaar. Home baking, frozen soup, preserves, crafts, books, and a flea market table.

**There will be an advent reflection taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of December in the Shaw Room at 9:30am.** We will be using the first 34 verses of the gospel of John as our guide for this advent journey. All welcome

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Memorial Hymn Sing** will be held 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 26<sup>th</sup> so the Memorial list may be prepared for the service.

**The Worship and Nurture Committee are looking for people to volunteer to read** an Advent reading on Sunday mornings starting December 8. We also need 9 people to read scripture during the Memorial Hymn sing. If interested, please talk to or call Sandra (902 539 2467) or Kathy (902 562 8578).

**Reminder:** Please return the "Coins for Camp MacLeod jars", if you haven't already.

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**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Christmas Hymn Sing & Memorial Light-Up 2024**  
**December 8, 2024                      7:00 PM**

During our Christmas Hymn Sing, we will be including a Memorial Light-Up Ceremony. Those interested may make a donation in memory of the person or persons they wish to be remembered. The name will be placed on a tag and that tag will be fastened to a Christmas tree type light. The names will be listed in the evening's bulletin and read at the service followed by the lights being turned on. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone, please mark the name/s to be remembered, the name of the donors as you wish it published, and your name and address and church envelope number on this sheet.

Deadline for submissions is November 26, 2024

In Memory of:

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From

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Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope number \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your Memorial on the Sunday morning offering plate or mail to: Bethel Presbyterian Church  
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Sydney, NS B1P 5B1