

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, Dec. 8<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

Welcome and Call to Worship

A voice in the wilderness cries out:

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low.

**The crooked shall be made straight, and rough places, smooth.**

A voice in the wilderness cries out:

**All people shall see the salvation of God!**

Lift up your hearts in expectation!

**We will lift up our praise to the One who is coming into the world once more.**

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

Hymn #128

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsive Psalm: 25:11-22

Hymn #119 Hope is a star (vs. 1 & 2)

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent: The Candle of Peace  
(Lighting Litany led by Wendy Bryan)

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

Anthem: Promises of Isaiah

*by Michael Barrett & David Angerman*

Sermon: Admiring the Landscape

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #120

Lo! Christ comes with clouds

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (#830)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

Hymn #407

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.

Reading today are Richard MacAulay and Todd Gouthro.

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

**Greeters today** are Larry Victory at the Main Door and Richard MacAulay at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Jennifer March and Richard Dulvy.

**Could all those who are reading at this evening's memorial service please stay behind for a few minutes right after the service.**

### **This evening at 7pm**

Christmas Memorial Hymn Sing will be in the church followed by a time of fellowship in the hall.

### **Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm** Finance/Maintenance Committee meet in the Shaw Room

### **Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** There will be an advent reflection taking place in the Shaw Room. We will be using the first 34 verses of the

gospel of John as our guide for this advent journey. All  
welcome

**7:00 pm** Regular meeting of Session in the Shaw Room.

**Thursday, Dec.12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

The John Geddie AMS will meet one week early this month at  
the home of Carol Ferguson.

\*Please note the change of date and place.

**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>** The children will be presenting their  
Christmas program during the morning service.