

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Winter Communion Service**  
**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

One: Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

**All: We belong to God. Alleluia!**

One: Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

**All: We are called to be like Christ and follow him.**

One: We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

**All: Let us worship God who claims us and loves us! Praise be to God!**

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

Hymn #183                      Christ, when for us you were baptized

Sacrament of Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Hymn #174                      Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
(children leave for Sunday School during the final verse)

O.T. Lesson:                      Isaiah 43:1-7

Responsive Psalm: 29  
N.T. Epistle Lesson: Acts 8:14-17  
N.T. Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Anthem: A miracle in me *by Stan Pethel*  
Sermon: Context matters

### **Our Response to God**

Hymn #176 Songs of thankfulness and praise  
(Please remain standing for the offering)  
Offering & Doxology (#830)  
Prayer of Dedication  
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

Hymn #400 Spirit of the living God  
Closing Prayer and Benediction  
Postlude

### **Announcements**

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

**Greeters today** are Brian Mikkelsen at the Main Door and Bradley Gillespie at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by George Jessen and Eileen MacNeil.

### **Thank you**

The Worship and Nurture Committee would like to express their gratitude to the congregation for their support of the Christmas Memorial Hymn Sing, which raised a total of \$4240.

The Kirk Session would like to thank the congregation of Bethel

for their generous support of the "Coins for Camp MacLeod" campaign. In 2024 \$1,918.75 was raised through the jars for Camp MacLeod.

### **To Current Fund**

In memory of parents Lawrence & Mary Ellis, sisters Gwen Smith and Helen Clarke from Wayne Ellis and family

### **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am** Isaiah Bible Study will begin in the Shaw Room at 10am. If you are planning on attending, please read Isaiah sometime before that date and sharpen those coloured pencils! All are welcome.

**2:00pm** The John Geddie Auxiliary of the AMS will meet in the Shaw Room.

Hello everyone, a very happy New Year to all of you! I would like to thank all the volunteers who help out with fellowship after church. This is going into the third year for me organizing and getting people to help out and it is sometimes not an easy task. There is, at present, no one scheduled to do fellowship for the month of January.

My hope is to try and form 15-20 teams of 2 people to do a rotation. The schedule can then be prepared ahead of time. We can all help to ask other people in the church to participate in this important ministry. Home baked goods are not necessary. Store bought cookies are just as good and please buy 2 liters of milk and some juice for the kids. Tea duty involves coming in at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning to set up and leaving after the offering to be in the kitchen to make the tea and wait for the congregation to come for fellowship time. Then stay for the clean up.

If you are doing this for the first time there is lots of help, especially where things are and how to make the tea. If you cannot do tea on the times I assign, please let me know. You can swap with another team.

If you are interested in keeping fellowship going and are able to sign up as a team to do a rotation please contact me at 902-562-2962 or Email me at [lross\\_25@hotmail.com](mailto:lross_25@hotmail.com).

We need volunteers to make this work or our committee will have to make a decision on cutting back our fellowship time or discontinuing it. "Many hands make light work"

Thank you for your consideration  
Linda Ross.