

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**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 Richard MacAulay

Announcements

Welcome and Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

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

Hymn #474 The love of God comes close

### **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Responsive Psalm 147:12-20

Hymn #180 How heavenly beams the morning star

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

N.T. Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18

Flute Solo: We Three Kings of Orient Are

Richard MacAulay

*by John H. Hopkins/arr. by Mizzi McCaskill & Dona Gilliam*

Sermon: Verb or noun?

### **Our Response to God**

Hymn #376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (#830)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

Hymn #177 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Carol Ferguson and Chris McCall. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Sandra MacLeod at the Main Door and Carol Ferguson at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Brad Gillespie and Dennis MacIntyre.

**This afternoon at 2:30pm.**

The Presbytery of Cape Breton will be holding a Service of Recognition, celebrating the installation of the Rev. Dr. Kenneth MacLeod to serve as Interim Minister for two years in the Northside Presbyterian Pastoral Charge (combined congregations of St Andrew's, Sydney Mines and St Giles, North Sydney). This service will be held in St. Giles Church. All are encouraged to attend to support this ministry.

The elders are asked to meet in front of the church after the service to prepare for communion.

Communion service will be held in the Sanctuary next **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday.

**Isaiah Bible Study will begin on January 16<sup>th</sup>** 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.