

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**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

Seek the Lord while God may be found. Call upon God who is near.

**We will return to the Lord our God.**

God's thoughts are not our thoughts. God's ways are not our ways.

**We come, seeking new paths to follow.**

As the heavens are higher than the earth so are God's ways higher than ours.

**We come as pilgrims on the journey, praising God along the way.**

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

Hymn #495                      The heavens declare your glory, Lord

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                      Isaiah 55:1-9

Responsive Psalm:              63:1-8

Hymn #480                      In Christ there is no east or west

Children's Story

Litany for Third Sunday in Lent                                      Akosua Sarfo

N.T. Epistle Lesson:              1 Corinthians 10:1-13

N.T. Gospel Lesson:              Luke 13:1-9

Anthem:                              Within the shadow of the cross

*by Don Besig & Nancy Price*

Sermon:                              A foreign country

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #490                      God of grace and God of glory

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (830)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

### **We Go Out in Service**

Hymn #671

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are George Jessen 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 George Jessen at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Gary Grant and Richard Dulvy.

### **Tuesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Session will meet at 7pm in the Shaw Room.

### **Thursday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Anniversary Events planning group will meet at 6:30pm in the Shaw Room. Anyone who would like to help is invited to attend.

Next Communion service will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone interested in volunteering for usher duty for the month of July, please see Sandra MacLeod (902-539-2467)