Bethel Presbyterian Church Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS Sunday, March 9th, 2025 First 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 We live in the shelter of the Most High, We abide in the shadow of Almighty God. Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength, For God is the One in whom we trust. The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us. Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid. So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts! We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always. Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer) Hymn #200 Lord Jesus, who through forty days 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 Sacrament of Baptism

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson:	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Responsive Psalm:	91
Hymn #508	Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated

(Children leave for Sunday School during verse two.)Litany for First Sunday in LentN.T. Epistle Lesson:Romans 1:5-13N.T. Gospel Lesson:Luke 4:1-14Anthem:If I Had Beenby Ruth Elaine SchramSermon:Do the ends justify the means?

Our Response to God

Hymn #573 I'll love the Lord (Please remain standing for the offering) Offering & Doxology (830) Prayer of Dedication Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We Go Out in Service

Hymn #57 On Eagles Wings Closing Prayer and Benediction Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Carol Ferguson and Kallol Sarker. Being received through the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is Brecken James Gouthro, son of Mark Gouthro and Shannon McCall. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

Greeters today are Charles Nicholson at the Main Door and Carol Ferguson at the Choir Room Door.

Next Week: Readings will be done by Donald Brown and Wendy Ferguson.

To Current Fund

- In memory of Robert Crane from Kay Gallivan
- In memory of Robert Crane from Joyce MacDougall

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on

Wednesday, Mar. 19th.at 7pm in the hall.

Join Us for St. Peter's Journey

The Catholic Women's League invites you to St. Peter's journey: a story of faith, repentance, and the transformative power of God's grace experienced through scripture, art, music, and reflection. This powerful Lenten event offers a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for Easter. There will be two one-hour live performances:

Wednesday, March 19th at 7pm Holy Redeemer Church, 1135 Victoria Road, Sydney, NS

Sunday, March 23rd at 2pm St Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot Street, Sydney, NS

All performances are free of charge and everyone is welcome. Join us for fellowship after each presentation!

Bring a friend and be inspired by the story of the man who became the rock of the Church!

The Many Faces of Christian Prayer

You are invited to join us for two sessions on prayer and the many ways we can come to God in our prayer.

- 1. Saturday, March 22 from 10 12pm
- 2. Saturday, March 29 from 10 12pm
- (Weather date if needed) Saturday, April 13 from 10– 12pm

Sessions will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church Hall, 9 Brookland St., Sydney. Sessions are facilitated by members of the Cape Breton Local of the Atlantic Association of Spiritual Directors. There is no fee although a donation is welcomed. Registration is required to reserve your space.

To register please contact:

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