# Bethel Presbyterian Church Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Minister: Rev. David F. Coull, B. Sc, MDiv, MATS



#### **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

Prelude

**Announcements** 

Welcome and Call to Worship

L. God calls us to go on a journey

P. God often does not let us know the destination.

L. But we do know that God accompanies us on every step of the journey.

P. We also know this, "The Lord is my Shepherd. He leads me beside still waters. He leads me in the paths of righteousness."

ALL. Let us worship God who walks with us on our journey.

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)
Hymn #757 Come sing, O church, in joyl

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

O.T. Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Responsive Psalm: 139:1-12

Hymn #641 One more step along the world I go

Children's Story

N. T. Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:13-25 N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 19:16-22

Solo: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

by Thomas A. Dorsey & George N. Allen

Soloist - Walter Letcher

Sermon: The Journey

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #634 Will you come and follow me

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksqiving & Intercession

#### **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #478 To Abraham and Sarah Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

#### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. A warm welcome is extended to Rev. Dr. Glen Davis who will be leading the service.

Glen Davis was brought up in Marion Bridge, NS. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1963 and spent 15 years working with the Korean Christian Church in Japan. He served 18 years as a mission executive in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and seven years as co-minister with his wife, Joyce, in Knox Church, Agincourt, Toronto. He also served as Moderator of the General Assembly of the PCC in 2000-2001. Joyce and Glen retired from Knox in 2003 and, following some interim work in Ontario, Glen was invited to join the faculty of the Vancouver School of Theology (VST) as Director of Presbyterian Formation. After 6 years at VST, he and Joyce enjoyed six years of retirement in Vancouver with annual summer stays in Cape Breton. In October 2019 Joyce was struck down with a stroke and "graduated" into the life God had prepared for her. Glen now lives alone in Vancouver, but with wonderful support from his church family, and two sons and their families who live nearby. He still goes to the home of his heart, Cape Breton, each year and gets to see his daughter and grandchildren who live in Newfoundland.

Reading today are Carol Ferguson and Arun Daniel Ravindran. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Next Week:** Gary Grant will be leading the service. Readings will be done by Brad Gillespie and Annie Rebecca Arun Daniel. Reverend Coull will be on holiday from 1 to 22 September and will be unavailable at that time. If there is anyone that requires ministerial assistance during that time you can call the church office at 902-562-3740 and leave a message and someone will return your call. Alternatively, you can contact Charles Greaves at 902-564-9570.

Sunday School classes resume today.

A Sunday School Teacher is required, and anyone interested in teaching please contact Linda Ross at 902-562-2962, Jennifer March at 902-270-2371, or Lisa MacKenzie at 902-578-1341.

## Thursday, September 18th

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

As part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will be having a Soup and Biscuit and Sweet lunch following church on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and should be purchased by September 27<sup>th</sup>. They are available from the Worship and Nurture Committee and Program Committees. There are a limited number of tickets.

Sandra MacLeod 902-539-2467, Kathy Hardy 902-562-8578, Carol Ferguson 902-564-8422, Linda Ross 902- 562-2962.

Coins for Camp MacLeod jars have been placed at the entrance of the church. Last year \$1,968.75 was raised through the "Coins for Camp MacLeod" jars. Camp MacLeod appreciates the congregation's support of this worthy campaign.