

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**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

Call to worship

O Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

O Lord, open our eyes,

**So that we may behold your presence.**

O Lord, open our ears,

**So that we may hear your call to follow.**

O Lord, open our hearts,

**So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.**

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

Hymn #290                    Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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

O.T. Lesson:                    Isaiah 49:1-7

Responsive Psalm:            40:1-11

Hymn #644                    May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Children's Story

N. T. Epistle Lesson:            1 Corinthians 1:1-9

N.T. Gospel Lesson:            John 1:29-42

Anthem:                    We are the Hands of Christ

*by John Parker & Joel Raney*

Sermon:                    Is our ladder on the right wall?

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #592                    I, the Lord of sea and sky

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

## **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #635

Brother, sister, let me serve you

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Gary Grant and Lydia Barikdar. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Carol Ferguson and Kallol Sarker.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Ada MacIntosh who passed away on Thursday, and also to the family of Dorothy MacDonald who passed away last week.

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Flossie MacLean from Heather Stewart
- In memory of Ada MacIntosh and Dorothy MacDonald from Roy & Nancy MacDonald

### **This afternoon at 3:00pm:**

The walking group with a photography problem will meet at 3pm at the Cottage Road entrance to the Baille Ard Trail for a stroll and some photos. All welcome

### **Thursday at 10:00am:**

The Minor Prophets bible study will continue in the Shaw room. All welcome.

Week of Prayer will be held at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish beginning Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme is "One Body One Spirit". Everyone welcome.

Members of the Congregation have formed a Prayer Support Group. If you know of someone who could use prayer support,

send the information to the Prayer Group at [bethelprayer.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:bethelprayer.sydney@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please contact Joyce MacDougall or Charles Greaves. For those who may not use email, you can call Joyce at 902 578 8499 with your request.

## **Upcoming Events**

The next meeting of Session will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Shaw Room.

Groups submitting reports for the Annual Meeting (March 18<sup>th</sup>) should have them sent to the church office by February 26<sup>th</sup> [bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com)

The "Coldest Night of the Year" walk will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going to Souls Harbour Mission here in Cape Breton. See the church website or face book page for details. Anyone interested in participating, let me know. There is a 2 km and a 5 km walk. This is a Canada wide event.