Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, Oct. 18th, 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

Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

We will bless God's name from day to day.

Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;

For God is great and greatly to be praised.

Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

We will bring God honour and glory as we worship God's holy name.

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

Hymn #57 On Eagle's Wings

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson: Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Responsive Psalm: 99

Hymn #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Children's Story

N. T. Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

Anthem: All Good Gifts *with* Beauty of the Earth
by Joseph M. Martin

Sermon: You Are Not Alone

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #704 Teach me, God, to wonder

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.
We would like to welcome the Reverend John Borthwick who will be delivering the message today to our service of worship. Rev Borthwick is the Director of the Centre for Lifelong Learning at Knox College, at the University of Toronto and is Curator of the ministry forum online, the virtual presence of the Centre.
Reading today are Bradley Gillespie and Joyce MacDougall.
Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.
The Session is asked to meet in front of the church after the service today to prepare for the Communion Service for Synod on Monday evening.
Next Week: Readings will be done by Carol Ferguson and Arun Daniel Ravindran.

To Current Fund

- In memory of Gerald Devereaux from Noreen Rowe
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Brad & Angie Gillespie
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Gordon Gillespie
- In memory of Gerald Devereaux from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Eleanor & Tom Murphy

To Choir Fund

- In memory of Tom MacRae from Mervin MacLeod
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Catherine McCharles

To Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Todd Burke (brother to Donna Lee) from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Briar Swan and family

To Door Project Fund

- In memory of Gerald Devereaux (Kay Gallivan's brother) and Tom MacRae from Kathy Hardy
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Roy & Nancy MacDonald
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Charles & Linda Greaves
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Linda & Ivan Henderson

Thursday, Oct. 22nd Bible study will be held at 10:00am in the Shaw Room. All are welcome.

Session will meet in the Shaw Room on Oct. 27th at 7:00pm

We will be hosting the Atlantic Synod meetings from Oct. 19-21. If anyone from the congregation would like to donate cookies, muffins, etc., and/or be able to help making tea and coffee for the breaks please contact Carol Ferguson at 902 564 8422. All are invited to the opening Worship Monday, Oct. 19 at 7pm.

SPECIAL HALL DOOR PROJECT:

At the Annual Meeting in March, the necessity to replace the main hall door and the emergency exit door off the parking lot was discussed. After discussion at a recent Session meeting, it was noted that the total cost of the two door replacements would be $15,645.36. The Session has made this a Special Congregational Project. If you would like to contribute to this project, please put your donation in an envelope and mark it "Door Project" and include your name and envelope number or address and the amount. You may contribute using Interact e-transfer to bethelofferings@bellaliant.com marking it "Door Project". If you wish to make this a Memorial donation, please provide the Memorial information. Thank you for your support.

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