Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, Oct. 25th, 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

The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting, God is God; and so we come to worship.

God satisfies us every morning with steadfast love;

Let us rejoice and be glad all our days.

Tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

We will offer God the work of our hands and praise from the depths of our hearts.

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

Hymn #758 Christ's is the world

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Responsive Psalm: 90:1-6, 13-17

Hymn #434 For the beauty of the earth

Children's Story

N. T. Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

Anthem: Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless The Lord)

by Jonan Myrin & Matt Redman CCLI6016351

Sermon: Shall We Dance?

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #477 Your hand, O God, has guided

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #763 To show by touch and word
Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. 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: Readings will be done by Gary Grant and Annie Rebecca Arun Daniel.

Monday, Oct. 26th The Finance and Maintenance Committee will meet in the Shaw Room at 7:00pm.

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

Our "Grace" bible study concluded on Thursday, Oct. 22nd. Our Advent study will begin at the end of Nov. and will run on the following days: Nov. 26th, Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 10:00am in the Shaw Room. All are welcome.

As part of the 101st Anniversary of our congregation, there will be a turkey supper on November 14th at 6 pm. Tickets are available for $25.00 each until November 9th by calling Kathy Hardy at 902-562-8578, Sandra MacLeod at 902-539-2467, Lisa MacKenzie at 902-578-1341, Jennifer Marsh at 902-270-2371, and Linda Ross 902-562-2962.

To Door Project

- In memory of Tom MacRae from Joan & Gary Grant
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Mildred MacLean
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Linda Ross
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Rebecca Clark

- In memory of Tom MacRae from Susan & George Jessen

To Current Fund

- In memory of Tom MacRae from Mary Stone
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Gordon & Wendy Ferguson
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Wayne & Brenda MacIntosh, Saint John, NB
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Brad & Angie Gillespie
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Alixe & Gus MacAskill
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Joyce MacDougall
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Sharon Morrison
- In memory of T om MacRae from Sandra MacLeod
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Kim Brown
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Allan & Julia Townsend
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Lorraine & Raymond MacCuish
- In memory of Tom MacRae from Gail MacKeigan

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. 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.

Synod of the Atlantic Provinces

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces was hosted by Bethel Church with support from the Presbytery of Cape Breton on October 19, 20 and 21, 2026. The meetings were attended by 79 registered Commissioners, special speakers and guests.
The Host Committee was led by Rev. David Coull with members Carol Ferguson, Bradley Gillespie, Charles Greaves, Roy MacDonald, Lisa MacKenzie, Sandra MacLeod and Jennifer March. The evening was opened with Worship and Communion led by the Moderator, Rev. Torrey Griffiths and Rev. David Coull with Bethel Session serving Communion and the Clerk of Synod, Cheryl Weeks leading the Memorial Service listing ministers and elders who have passed away in the last year. Following the service, Synod met to elect and install the Moderator for the 2026-2027 term. Rev Peter MacDonald of St. James-Knox Church, Boularderie was installed as the Moderator. For the first time, the Synod meeting was streamed live on Bethel's Facebook page and will be available for viewing for 30 days. Special Speakers included Rev. Dr. Tom Reynolds, an Associate Professor of Theology at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, Guest Speaker; Dr Lee Johnson, Education Program Coordinator of the PCC, Worship Leader (with Peter MacDonald on the organ); workshops were led by Pryia Andrade, Intercultural Program Coordinator and Jessica Foy, Faith Formation with Children, Youth and Young Adults Coordinator with the PCC. Other speakers included Rev Ian Ross-McDonald, Director of LMA speaking on "Save Church" and Rev John Borthwick representing Knox College.
Tuesday lunch was provided by Pat Munroe and her group with assistance from members of Bethel Church serving. Break lunches were hosted by many volunteers from Bethel who, along with support from surrounding Presbyterian Churches providing the great array of sandwiches and sweets covering all the various dietary needs. The Tuesday dinner was hosted by PCW, Union Church in Albert Bridge. Along with an

excellent meal, they also provided a brilliant sunset over the Mira River for the guests. We extend our thanks to all those who provided and served lunches, aided in the kitchen and various chores. Special thanks to Allan Townsend who was always available to assist and Sharon Morrison for helping, as well as Peter MacDonald and Bethel Choir for their contribution. Bradley Gillespie for his work on electronics and Facebook. We also thank Councilor Stephen Gillespie, Kollin Weatherbee and the Conference Support Grant from PCC and funds from Cape Breton Presbytery. Special thanks to the members of our committee for the many hours of leadership preparing for the Synod meeting as well as the hours spent in the three days of the Synod Meeting.
Charles Greaves, Clerk of Session