Bethel Presbyterian Church Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS Sunday, December 1st, 2019 First Sunday in Advent



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

Organ Prelude

Announcements Gary Grant

Reader Grace MacAulay

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn Sweet is the solemn voice # 444

Prayer of Confession

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsive Psalm # 122

Hymn Come, thou long-expected Jesus # 110

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent: The Candle of Hope

(Lighting Litany led by Donnie, Kim, Alexander & Arianna Brown)

Hymn Hope is a star (vs. 1)

119

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson Romans 13:11-14 N.T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 24:36-44 Sermon Not sure when

Not suit when

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Your kingdom come, O God # 269

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem: Is your heart prepared for a King?

Words and Music by Robert Lau

Doxology # 830

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn Christ is coming # 795

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

Welcome

We welcome everyone to this service of worship this Lord's Day. We pray that this will be a time of blessing for all. We are pleased to have Donnie, Kim, Alexander & Arianna Brown lighting the Advent Candle this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Marilyn Strickland, Alixe MacAskill and Melissa Forrest.

Nursery

Today: Sandra MacLean and Shirley Adams **Next Sunday** Brenda Skinner and Angela Gillespie

Sunday School Shepherd

Brian Mikkelsen

Greeter at the South Door

Tom MacRae

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Wilrod Morrison

Current Fund

- In memory of Ben Furey's sister Darlene from Gordon Gillespie
- In memory of Duncan Kell from Ivan & Linda Henderson
- In memory of Duncan Kell, brother of Gwen Shepard, and Darlene LeBlanc, sister of Ben Furey from Eileen MacNeil

Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Ben Furey's sister Darlene from Carl & Lorraine Rideout
- In memory of Duncan Kell from Carl & Lorraine Rideout
- In memory of Duncan Kell from Harold & Lynn Gillespie
- In memory of Darlene LeBlanc from The Bethel Choir

Benevolent Committee are looking for the following items:

small dining table and chairs; men's size 9 to 10 winter boots; men's size 9 to 10 sneakers; women's warm winter mittens or gloves size 5-6. Please contact Brad Gillespie or Joan Richardson if you have any item.

Coins for Camp MacLeod

Anyone who still has their jars **please return them as soon as possible**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Rehearsals have begun for our Christmas Eve program and we encourage all Sunday School children to attend classes.

This Afternoon



This Week

Monday

Bible Study in the Hall at 7:00pm

"St. John the Baptist Mothers' Union is sponsoring motivational speaker, Eddie LeMoine, at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney. All are welcome to attend. The more the merrier. A free-will offering will be taken. He will have some of his books for sale for \$20.00 each and he will donate \$5.00 from each book sale to Mothers' Union projects. A little about the topic: Is it possible to bring about what you think about?"

Tuesday

The Cove will have its annual **Christmas Light up at 6:30pm.**

Friday

12:10 CUC in the Shaw Room

It is time to Start the Season Bright at the "Lights for Health" light up. This event will take place at Northside General at 7pm. The evening will include entertainment by Jason Kempt, maybe a visitor from the North Pole, hot chocolate and cookies and our wonderful fireworks display. This a celebration of our fundraising event for the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation. All are welcome.



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 8th at 7:00pm Christmas Hymn Sing and Memorial Light-Up Ceremony

During our Annual Christmas Hymn Sing, we will be including a Memorial Light-Up Ceremony. Those interested may make a donation in memory of the person or persons they wish to be remembered. The name will be placed on a tag and that tag will be fastened to a Christmas tree type light. The names will be listed in the evening's bulletin and read at the service followed by the lights being turned on. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone, please mark the name/s to be remembered, the name of the donors as you wish it published, and your name and address or church envelope number on a plain envelope containing your donation. Place this on the offering plate or send it to the Church Secretary on or before **December 1**st.

Session will meet on **Tuesday**, **December 10**th in the Shaw Room.

Sheila was just a few months old when her mother died, and she went to live with her grandmother, Elube, in Malawi. Two years later, Sheila's health began to sharply decline. Elube brought her granddaughter to the PWS&D-supported Mulanje Mission Hospital where Sheila was diagnosed as HIV positive and acutely malnourished. Elube's grief weighed a little less heavily when she learned that Sheila could receive treatment at a nearby orphan care centre. Supported by PWS&D, these centres provide vulnerable children with free medical care, school support and nutrition assistance. With a place to receive antiretroviral treatment and highly nutritious food, Sheila's health is improving and Elube is better equipped to meet her granddaughter's needs.

PWS&D cares for orphans and vulnerable children

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