

Bethel Presbyterian Church  
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS  
Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Third 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.



## WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn                                      See amid the winter's snow                                      # 168  
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 Gordon & Wendy Ferguson, Michael, Baillie and Simon Arseneau lighting the Advent Candle this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Joan Grant, Catherine Sneddon and Donna Lyle.

### Thank You

The Board of Managers would like to thank the MacAulay Family for their donation and installation of an electric fireplace insert in the Shaw Room in memory of their mother Ollie MacAulay. Thank you Lynn, Jean, Carol, & Ann Margaret.

### Nursery

**Today:**                                      Carol MacLeod and Catherine Sneddon  
**Next Sunday**                                      Joan Grant and Sharon McKay

**Sunday School Shepherd**                                      David Sneddon

**Greeter at the South Door**                                      Ivan Henderson

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door**                                      Michael Butler

### Visiting the hospital this week

Charles Nicholson 562-3855                                      Wilrod Morrison 562-3573

## **Readings for next week**

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

## **To the Current Fund**

- In memory of Wayne McClure, George & Mamie MacLeod, Margaret Ferguson, George MacLeod, John & Evelyn MacLeod from Frances McClure

## **This Week**

### **Wednesday**

“Let there be Light”, a program of festive music featuring Joella Foulds, Robyn Cathcart and Michele Stephens will be held at Union Presbyterian Church, Albert Bridge, on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door, children 12 and under free.

**Church offering envelopes for 2020 are available in the church lobby.**

### **Samaritan Shoe Boxes**

John Geddie AMS wish to thank the congregation for their support of this project, 121 boxes have been filled and sent to deserving children. Thank you also to all who made monetary donations to Samaritan Shoe Box project.

## Mission Moments

### Understanding the past to light the way forward

The Rev. Robinson Christian is a Doctoral student and a pastor in the Church of North India, a PCC partner. While researching material on the impact of the colonial legacy on preaching in India today, Robinson came across the Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis of Knox College in Toronto, author of “Decolonizing Preaching.” Robinson and Sarah began to correspond, and International Ministries invited Robinson to study in Toronto for two months. This is what mission is all about. Together we learn from the past, and God illumines a new understanding today. As partners in the Global Church, how can we not engage in these challenging conversations, learning from one another how God works through us?

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