

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, December 22nd, 2019
Fourth 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

Lisa MacKenzie

Reader

Todd Gouthro

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn

Hark the glad sound

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Prayer of Confession

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Responsive Psalm # 80:1-7, 17-19

Hymn

Infant holy, infant lowly

143

Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent: The Candle of Love
(Lighting Litany led by Darlene MacIntosh and Ashley Boyce)

Hymn

Hope is a star, Peace is a ribbon,

Joy is a song, Love is a flame (vs. 1-4) # 119

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

N.T. Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

Having the joy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem:

My Heart, Your Bethlehem

Gaines/Schram

Doxology

830

Prayer of Dedication

To the Current Fund

□ In memory of Erna & Lauchie MacDonald from Angela & Bruno Polegatto

Readings for next week

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 PM Bethel Christmas Eve Service in the church. Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Saviour

United Heritage Church: Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel is come! United Heritage Church warmly invites all their neighbours-in-faith to join them on Christmas Eve at 10pm for a Contemplative Candlelight Communion service. ALL are welcome.

Saturday, Dec. 28th at 3:30pm

Who is Yeshua? [A Friend who sticks closer than a Brother \(Part 7\)](#)
Video by Greg Herschberg in the Shaw Room, Bethel Hall.

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

Applications are now being accepted for the United Heritage Church Pastoral Care Support Staff position. To apply, please contact uhcministryandpersonnel@outlook.com or call Valerie Chiasson at 902-564-8329 for more details.

Mission Moments - The gift of giving

As we reflect on giving and receiving this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are living out the gospel message through their generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation and creating new faith communities – and so much more! Every gift is a gift of hope. Every gift changes lives. This Christmas we will once again celebrate the greatest gift of all —Jesus Christ our Lord— whose example of giving inspires our own.

Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference

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