

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, December 29th, 2019
1st Sunday of Christmas



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
Reader

Jennifer March
Margaret MacLeod

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn Christians awake! # 135
Prayer of Confession
Baptism Hymn Child of blessing, child of promise # 521

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson Isaiah 63:7-9
Responsive Psalm # 148
Hymn When heaven's bright with mystery # 178
(Tune Sussex Carol # 162)
N.T. Epistle Lesson Hebrews 2:10-18
N.T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:13-23
Sermon **Being led by God**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Once in royal David's city # 166
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering & Offertory
Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

830

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn
Benediction & Choral Amen
Postlude

Angels we have heard on high

147

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. This morning we are receiving Callie Rose MacLeod, daughter of Terrance & Lindsey MacLeod through the Sacrament of Baptism. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Dennis & Jean MacIntyre and Kelly MacKinnon.

Nursery

Today: Mildred MacLean and Joan Richardson
Next Sunday Nancy MacDonald and Vivian Morrison

Sunday School Shepherd

Beth Matheson

Greeter at the South Door

Duncan MacLeod

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Gordon Ferguson

Visiting the hospital this week

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467 Larry Victory 562-0944

Readings for next week

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18

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

Saturday 3:30pm

Who is Yeshua? I Am (A) (Part 8) –Video by Greg Hershberg in the Shaw Room, Bethel Hall.

Friday, January 10th 12:10 pm

CUC will meet in the Shaw Room. Please note that we are meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month this month.

Sunday, January 12th 10:30 am

Winter Communion Service. Those wishing to join the church are asked to speak to the minister after the service today.

Mission Moments – Empowering rural women

In Africa, women comprise about 60 per cent of the agricultural labour force. And yet, structural barriers and social norms prevent many women farmers from making decisions about agricultural practices on their farms. So that vulnerable communities can rise above hunger, it is essential that women are able to make choices about land, resources and which crops to grow. With the help of PWS&D, this transformation is taking place in Kamisimbi County of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In a place where many farming families struggle to meet their food needs, PWS&D is providing seeds and training in conservation agriculture and encouraging women to take the lead in agricultural decision-making. Empowering rural women translates to better food security and the improved well-being of households and communities.

PWS&D empowers rural women

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