

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, February 2nd, 2020
4th Sunday after the Epiphany
PWS & D Sunday



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

Donnie Brown
Chris McCall

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn *The Lord's my shepherd* # 11
Prayer of Confession

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson Micah 6:1-8
Res. Psalm # 15
Hymn Tell me the stories of Jesus # 348
Children's Story
N.T. Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
N.T. Gospel Lesson Luke 19:1-10
Sermon **A Zacchaeus Moment**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn The love of God comes close # 474
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Lord, we come to you today as your people, embracing the abundant life that you have given us, and desiring to share that life with others. In this time, we hold up our prayers for those in our lives and around the world.

We give thanks for the work of Presbyterian World Service & Development. For development work that transforms lives, for emergency relief that provides hope at times of great need, and for refugee sponsorship that welcomes families into a new country. May we join with our sisters and brothers around the world as we give thanks and celebrate this promise of abundant life.

As we respond to needs around the world, may we be transformed and renewed by your love. Use our gifts well and allow our prayers to encourage the staff, partners and program participants around the world.

We pray for our communities, thinking of places where people feel far from the promise of abundant life. For those who do not have enough food to eat. For those who struggle with loneliness and grief. For those who do not have a secure place to live. For those who are suffering with ill health. Lord, may you gather people up, with your love, and use us to welcome them into your abundant life.

At this time Lord, we pray the prayers that you have put on our hearts, and the requests from our own congregation. (Prayer list)

Silent prayer

Offering & Offertory

Anthem Blessed are you McDonald

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn Oh for a world where everyone # 730

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. A special word of thanks is extended to Dave Sneddon for his leading in this service this morning. Bob Lyle should be in the office tomorrow. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Carol & Keith Ferguson & Joan Richardson.

CD Recordings of our Services

CD recordings of services are available at the rear of the church. Please take one for yourself if you would like one or take one to someone who isn't able to get to service.

To the Current Fund

In memory of Murdock Furey by Linda & Ivan Henderson

In memory of Murdock Furey by Carl & Lorraine Rideout

In memory of Murdock Furey by Myrna & Linda Ross

To the Benevolent Fund

In memory of Murdock Furey by Roy & Nancy MacDonald

To the Choir Fund

In memory of Darlene LeBlanc & Murdock Furey by Kathy Hardy

Card of Thanks

A card of thanks has been received from Hope House thanking the congregation for the gift received from Bethel.

Nursery

Today Thelma MacKillop and Betty Morris
Next Sunday Lucy MacKinnon and Marilyn Strickland

Sunday School Shepherd Charles Nicholson

Greeter at the South Door Wilrod Morrison

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Duncan MacLeod

Visiting the hospital this week

Charles Nicholson Wilrod Morrison

Ushers for February will be:

Brian & Donna Mikkelsen

Brad & Angela Gillespie Jean Gillespie

Church Cancellation

The Session discussed this matter at its meeting on Tuesday and decided that this will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. People are reminded that if you have doubts about the weather that you use your own discretion in coming and that people should either check for a message on the church office phone (902-562-3740) or the church webpage (www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca)

Hospital Visitation

It was noted that someone was in hospital during the Christmas Season and we were unaware. If a member of the congregation knows of someone who is in the hospital, please call the minister at 902-549-6411. It doesn't matter how many call.

Readings for next week

Isaiah 58: 1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

This week

Friday

12:10-12:50

CUC will meet in the Shaw Room

Fishcake & Baked Bean Supper will be held on this Friday at St. Matthew Wesley United Church, 2 Peppett St., North Sydney from 4:30-6:30p.m. \$10.00 Dessert included! A second Choice of **Ham & Scalloped Potato Supper** will be offered as an alternative by a **Pre-purchased Ticket only until this Wednesday!** Live Music during the supper! Eat in or Take-out available. Tickets available at the Church Office 902-794-3651 or phone Charlie MacLean 902-794-3573.

Saturday

The Men's Brotherhood of the United Protestant Church of Sydney River will be holding a **"Pancake & Sausage Breakfast"** on Saturday, February 8th from 8 – 10 a.m. Tickets: \$7.00 and are available from any member of brotherhood or by phoning the church office at 902-562-4145. The Elizabeth Pierce Guild will be holding a bake sale during the breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 26th, 2020
7:00pm

There will be a light lunch at 6:30pm.
Please plan to attend

Reports should be in by Friday, February 14th.

Mission Moment

PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. On February 2, we celebrate PWS&D and the meaningful work being done around the world to bring hope to those experiencing poverty, hunger and oppression. Farmers and their families in Haiti, Nicaragua and Pakistan are learning innovative farming practices to help cope with a changing climate and rise above hunger. Maternal and child mortality rates continue to decrease in Malawi and Afghanistan. Refugees have received support overseas and been welcomed to new homes in Canada. These stories of transformation are possible because of the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Thank you!

A Zaccheus Moment

Luke 19:1-10

