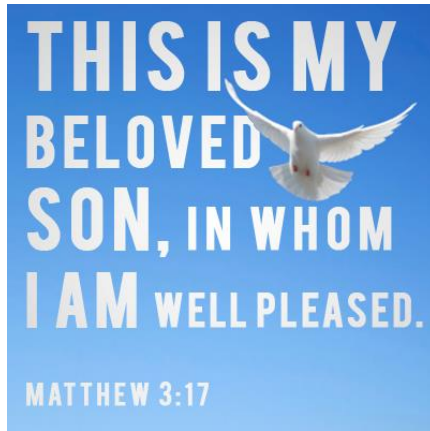


**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Baptism & Communion Service**



**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

Charles Nicholson

Dennis MacIntyre

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn                      As longs the hart                      # 25

Prayer of Confession

Baptismal Hymn      Jesus, friend so kind and gentle      # 519

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 42:1-9

Responsive Psalm # 29

Hymn                      Christ, when for us you were baptized # 183

N.T. Lesson              Acts 10:34-43

N.T. Gospel Lesson      Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon                      **The baptism of our Lord**

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn                      Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us                      # 647  
(Those wishing to take part in the Communion service should  
come down from the balcony and the Session should gather in the  
front pews during the singing of this hymn)  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
Offering & Offertory  
Solo:                      *Before the world began*  
Doxology & Prayer of Dedication  
Reception of New Member  
Hymn                      Here, O my Lord, I see thee (vs.1-3)                      # 543  
Sacrament of Communion

## WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn                      Here, O my Lord, I see thee (vs.4-7)                      # 543  
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. This morning we are pleased to receive through baptism Vada Ruth Brake, the daughter of Russell Brake and Amanda Lockerbie, and into the communicant membership of Bethel Church, Allan Townsend. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Susan Jessen, Sandra MacLeod, and Flossie MacLean. (There is no one scheduled for the next few weeks. If you are willing to help with one of these weeks please sign the listing on the wall in the hall.)

## Nursery

**Today:**                      Thelma MacKillop and Eileen MacNeil  
**Next Sunday**                      Linda Henderson and Melissa Forrest

**Sunday School Shepherd**

Donnie Brown

**Greeter at the South Door**

Tom MacRae

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

Ivan Henderson

**Visiting the hospital this week**

Please contact the minister this week

**Readings for next week**

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 2:12-23

**Coins for Camp MacLeod**

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the "Coins for Camp MacLeod" campaign. In 2019 \$1,692.25 was raised through the jars for Camp Macleod.

**2019 Giving Receipts**

Church offering receipts for 2019 may be picked up in the church lobby.

**This week**

**Board of Managers**

The Board of Managers will meet on Monday (tomorrow) at 7:30pm in the Shaw Room

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Gatherings**

*Monday, January 20th to Friday, January 24th 12:10-12:50 pm*

*Bethel Presbyterian Church Hall, 9 Brookland Street, Sydney*

The international resources for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Malta. The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. (Please bring a bag lunch Monday – Thursday)

### **Monday: Reconciliation**

Acts 27:18 – 19, 2; Psalm 8; Luke 18:9-14

### **Tuesday: Light**

Acts 27:20; Psalm 119:105-110; Mark 4:35-41

### **Wednesday: Hope**

Acts 27:22, 34; Psalm 27; Matthew 11:28-30

### **Thursday: Trust**

Acts 27:23-26; Psalm 56; Luke 12:22-34

**Friday** Closing Service and Sit-down lunch

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

The regular meeting of Session will be held in the Shaw Room.

**Fishcake & Baked Bean Supper** will be held on Friday, February 7th 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 Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>!** 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.

Bethel Presbyterian Church  
Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7:00pm

There will be a light lunch at 6:30pm.

Please plan to attend

### Mission Moment

#### January 12<sup>th</sup> - Bibi's healthy family (January 12<sup>th</sup>)

In the village of Ziarat, Afghanistan, Bibi is mother to nine children. For many women like Bibi, having many children is partly due to a lack of access to information about family planning. Frequent pregnancies and limited healthcare facilities contribute to Afghanistan's high maternal mortality rate. When a community health worker from a PWS&D-supported health centre came to examine Bibi, the young mother learned about the benefits of child spacing. "I am advising other women in the village to adopt family planning methods as it is for the betterment of the family as a whole," says Bibi. A woman's ability to choose when to become pregnant helps families improve their well-being, increases economic opportunity and promotes gender equality.

*PWS&D protects the health of mothers and children*

## January 19<sup>th</sup> - Sowing seeds of hope

Through Justice Ministries, the PCC works with congregations to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. At the centre of this work is engagement with Presbyterians across Canada. Staff visit and speak to congregations, presbyteries, synods, youth groups and camps. They provide workshops, respond to the TRC's calls to Action, facilitate the Blanket Exercise in many different places and speak on reconciliation. Justice Ministries has recently produced resources on the Doctrine of Discovery, how to "green" your congregation, Earth Day, and materials to engage the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls final report. *Presbyterians Sharing sows seeds of hope*

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