

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**



**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

Larry Victory  
Catherine Sneddon

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Hymn                      The Lord's my light                      # 15  
Prayer of Confession

### **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson              Isaiah 9:1-4  
Res. Lesson              27:1, 4-9  
Hymn                      Will you come and follow me?              # 634  
Children's Story  
N.T. Epistle Lesson      1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
N.T. Gospel Lesson      Matthew 2:12-23  
Sermon                      **Following Jesus**

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Hymn                      Follow me the Master said              # 645  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
Offering  
Offertory  
Anthem                      *Sanctuary*                      *arr. Greer*  
Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

### **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn                      Softly and tenderly                      # 640  
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. Following the service you are invited to the hall for a time of fellowship. On duty today are Eileen MacLean, Eileen MacNeil and Sharon McKay.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Ben & Heather Furey and family in the passing of his brother Murdock this week.

## Nursery

**Today:** Linda Henderson and Melissa Forrest

**Next Sunday** Thelma MacKillop and Betty Morris

**Sunday School Shepherd**

Carol Ferguson

**Greeter at the South Door**

Brian Mikkelsen

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

Roy MacDonald

**Visiting the hospital this week**

Kathy Hardy

Tom MacRae

## Readings for next week

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

## Ushers for February will be:

Brian & Donna Mikkelsen

Brad & Angela Gillespie

Jean Gillespie

## This week

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

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

## Upcoming Events

**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.

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Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

7:00pm

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

Please plan to attend

**Annual Reports should be submitted typed or by email**

**([bethelchurch@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:bethelchurch@ns.sympatico.ca))**

**by Friday February 14, 2020**

**Some have already been submitted!!!**

### **Mission Moment**

#### **January 26: Cooperatives combat effects of climate change**

Ever since the devastating Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti in 2016, Lucsius faced his share of challenges. His community in northern Haiti sustained weeks of heavy rains that washed away his vegetable crop and caused his soil to become degraded. The farmer wondered if he would ever harvest a good crop again. Lucsius's circumstances changed when his farming cooperative started receiving support from PWS&D partners. Along with 2,308 farmers in the region, Lucsius participated in workshops where he was taught to use sustainable, organic farming techniques—like using mulch and planting trees—to restore his soil's fertility and grow enough food, despite the effects of climate change. Lucsius has been thrilled with the fruits of these newly discovered agricultural techniques. *PWS&D helps farmers improve lives and livelihoods*

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