

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Epiphany**  
**Preparatory 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 Beth Matheson  
Reader Wendy Ferguson

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Hymn Worship the Lord # 174  
Prayer of Confession  
Anthem My heart, your Bethlehem *Gaines/Schram*

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6  
Responsive Psalm # 72:1-7, 10-14  
Hymn We three kings # 173  
N.T. Epistle Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12  
N.T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12  
Sermon **Preparing for a king**

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn As with gladness men of old # 172  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
  
Offering & Offertory  
Doxology # 830  
Prayer of Dedication

### WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn All praise to you, O Lord # 172  
Benediction & Choral Amen  
Postlude

**The Members of Session are asked to meet at the front of the sanctuary following the service this morning.**

## **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 the minister will be speaking about being prepared. We are preparing for a new year, for communion which we will celebrate next Sunday and for things that will happen in our congregation, in the community and around the world in 2020. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Jean MacQueen, Beth Matheson and Merle Davis

## **Nursery**

**Today:** Nancy MacDonald and Vivian Morrison

**Next Sunday** Susan Jessen and Florence MacKenzie

## **Sunday School Shepherd**

Gordon Ferguson

## **Greeter at the North Door**

Sandra MacLeod

## **Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

Kathy Hardy

## **Visiting the hospital this week**

Beth Matheson

Ivan Henderson

## **Benevolent Fund**

In loving memory of Parents Murray and Carrie Morrison, brother David Morrison, and brother-in-law Wally Steele from Marie Hill and Family.

## **Readings for next week**

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29. Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

## **Thursday, January 9th, 10:00 a.m.**

Ladies' Bible Study will begin for the New Year. New members are always welcome!

## **Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 12:10 pm**

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

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Winter Communion Service.

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 8:45am**

Men's breakfast will resume in the Shaw Room

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 22:10-12:50 pm**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Gatherings**

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.

**Mission Moment**

Recently the Rev. Tim Choi, minister at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry, encountered unexpected grace after a hard day. He and his wife, Hillary, were busy preparing for an evening event. Tim was planning the music and Hillary was setting up for the meal when Wendy and her family came through the door. Wendy had a feeling that their help might be needed! Suddenly everything was different, with extra hands to make the work lighter. Wendy and her daughters made bannock to share, and Wendy offered to come and volunteer every week. Sometimes we ignore the small ways that God cares for us. The community at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry is learning together how to see God's grace in everyday acts of kindness.

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