

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**6<sup>th</sup> 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

Richard MacAulay  
Dennis MacIntyre

### 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 Shine, Jesus shine

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 Lorraine Rideout, Gwen Sheperd and Nancy MacDonald.

**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.

**Tomorrow night** Board of Managers will meet at 7:30pm

## **Nursery**

**Today** Sandra MacLeod and Brenda Skinner  
**Next Sunday** Donna Mikkelsen and Mildred MacLean

**Sunday School Shepherd** Tom MacRae

**Greeter at the North Door** Michael Butler

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door** Jean MacQueen

## **Visiting the hospital this week**

Sandra MacLeod Larry Victory

## **Readings for next week**

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00** Bible Study will resume in the hall at 7:00.

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30** Session will meet in the Shaw Room.

Bethel Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting will be led on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:00pm There will be a light lunch at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend

## **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!