

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., NS
Sunday, October 11th, 2020
Wednesday, October 14th, 2020
19th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Pre-Service Music

Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Approach & Confession

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Music	Moment of reflection
O.T. Lesson	Exodus 32: 1-14
Responsive Psalm #	106: 1-6, 19-23
N.T. Epistle Lesson	Philippians 4: 1-9
N.T. Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22: 1-14
Sermon	The Wedding Banquet

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Solo: God on the Mountain Walter Letcher

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Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction & Postlude

We welcome everyone to this service of worship.

The Fall arrangements on the minister's left and right are done by a woman who donates what she receives to the Cancer Treatment Center.

Our readers on Sunday morning are Larry Victory & Gwen Shepard.

Announcements

To the Choir Fund

In memory of Earl MacLeod from wife Geraldine & family.

Wednesday, October 14th

Worship Service in sanctuary at 7:00pm

A young man who has moved into an apartment this week needs the following:

Sofa, chairs, kitchen table, and book shelves among other things. If you are able to contribute something, please call the minister on his cell at 902-549-6411.

Sunday, October 18th

Sunday School will start up and children will go into the hall upon arrival. They will be picked up from the hall after service.

Sunday, November 29th

Fall Communion Service will be held

Readings for next Sunday

O.T. Lesson Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm # 99

N. T. Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 N.T. Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Mission Moment – October 11, 2020

Mission Moment – Equipping Families to Fight Food Insecurity

In South Sudan, years of civil conflict have left much of the population without access to the food they need to live healthy lives. Rising food prices and loss of income due to COVID-19 are

only increasing this deficit. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide 1,150 families with food assistance that will meet their nutritional needs. Additionally, families will receive farming inputs and fishing equipment so that, when the season is right for growing and fishing, they will have access to alternative sources of nutrition.

Prayer Partnership

Sunday, October 11 – (Harvest Sunday) We give thanks for the harvest season and pray for those who do not have enough to eat.

Monday, October 12 (Thanksgiving Day) *Kohtawinow*— Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gift of our earthly home.

Tuesday, October 13 We pray for our elected officials and all those who form our laws. May they prioritize the protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and introduce legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canadian laws.

Wednesday, October 14 We pray for the Rev. Charlie McNeil, convener of the Pastoral Committee for the Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland in Alta.

Thursday, October 15 We give thanks for food assistance programs that help families fight food insecurity and malnutrition in South Sudan.

Friday, October 16 (World Food Day) We give thanks and pray for the health and safety of people who tend, harvest, and prepare food, especially those who are most vulnerable, such as migrant workers.

Saturday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) We pray for all people who do not have safe homes, adequate shelter, enough healthy food, or communities of support. We give thanks and pray for those who seek long-term solutions to end poverty and inequality.

Readings for Sunday

O.T. Lesson

Exodus 32: 1-14

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." ² Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." ⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. ⁷ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' ⁹ "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn

against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” ¹⁴Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsive Psalm # 106: 1-6, 19-23

¹Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

²Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise?

³Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

⁴Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them,

⁵that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.

⁶We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

¹⁹At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

²⁰They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

²¹They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt,

²²miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.²³ So he said he would destroy them — had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

N.T. Epistle Lesson Philippians 4: 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! ²I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

N.T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 22: 1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his

son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

