

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., NS**  
**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Giving what is God's**

### **Matthew 15:21**

#### **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 33:12-23
Psalm	# 99
N. T. Epistle Lesson	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
N.T. Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22:15-22
Sermon	<b>Giving what is God's</b>

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Solo: My heart is filled**

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Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and Intercession

### WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction & Postlude

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**We welcome everyone to this service of worship.**

Our readers on Sunday morning are Donald Brown & Catherine Sneddon.

## **Announcements**

Sunday School starts today and are meeting in the hall during worship. Prayer for the teachers and the children.

### **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Worship Service in sanctuary at 7:00pm

### **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Session will meet in the sanctuary at 7:30

### **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Ham & Salad Supper** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Brookside  
St. Glace Bay \$15.00 11-1 and 4-6 Call 902-737-2529, 902-849-2479  
ASAP to reserve.

## **Count Offering**

The regular list for counting offering is being used now and the secretary is sending out reminders to those who are counting. If you cannot count the day you are asked, please try to find someone to replace you. If you are unable to find someone members of the Session are asked to contact Charles Greaves and members of the Board of Managers are asked to call Pat Munroe.

## **Readings for next Sunday**

O.T. Lesson Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Psalm # 90: 1-6, 13-17

N. T. Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 N.T. Gospel Matthew 22: 34-46

## **Mission Moment – October 18, 2020**

### **Mission Moment – Investing in the Future of the Church**

Presbyterians Sharing supports the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut, Lebanon. For over a century, NEST has been a powerful witness in the Middle East, training nearly 90% of the

Protestant ministers in the region. Students come from some of the most difficult places in the world to be Christian: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine. NEST's President, Dr. George Sabra, shared, "The main concern of the church in the Middle East is how to remain here... We are preparing people to minister in situations where it is becoming very difficult for Christians to live." In faithfully partnering with NEST, we are investing in leadership development for the future of the church in the Middle East.

Please pray for NEST as it repairs its badly damaged building and navigates the political unrest following the August explosion in Beirut.

### **Prayer Partnership**

**Sunday, October 18 (Students and Colleges Sunday)** We pray for college and university students who are taking classes online, that they will have a rich learning experience and find the support they need.

**Monday, October 19** We pray for courage and insight to recognize racism and discrimination in society and in the church so that we may grow to become communities of justice for all.

**Tuesday, October 20** We give thanks for God's beautiful creation and the changing seasons.

**Wednesday, October 21** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal in Que.

**Thursday, October 22** We praise God and give thanks for Alwan Masih, General Secretary of the Synod of the Church of North India, who retired after serving faithfully for 10 years.

**Friday, October 23** We remember Chanie Wenjack, who died of hunger and exposure on this day in 1966 after running away from

the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. We pray for all those who still carry deep pain and trauma from residential schools.

**Saturday, October 24** Merciful God, we pray that you bless families with the wisdom that is from above—wisdom that is pure, peaceable and full of mercy.

### **Readings for Sunday**

#### **O.T. Lesson**

#### **Exodus 33: 12-23**

**(NIV)**

Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” 14 The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” 15 Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” 17 And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.” 18 Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.” 19 And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.” 21 Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

## **Responsive Psalm #99**

(NIV)

1 The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. 2 Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy. 4 The King is mighty, he loves justice— you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right. 5 Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy. 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them. 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them. 8 LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds. 9 Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

## **New Testament Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** (NIV)

Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. 2 We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. 3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters[b] loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in

Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

**N.T. Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 22: 15-22**

**(NIV)**

15Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” 18But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” 21 “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” 22When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.