

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Anniversary Sunday**  
**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
**Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay**



### **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

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Organ Prelude

Belkolora

Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Approach & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Moment of Reflection

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24 NIV

<sup>11</sup>“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup>I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup>I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with  
praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes

and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? <sup>40</sup>“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ <sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ <sup>44</sup>“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ <sup>45</sup>“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ <sup>46</sup>“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**Solo**                      **There is a hope**

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**Sermon**                      **Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay**

**Special Music**    **Belkolora**

## **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and Intercession**

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

**Benediction & Postlude**

## Announcements



- We welcome everyone to Bethel's Anniversary service this Lord's day
- We are pleased to have Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay with us today to be our anniversary speaker and Belkolora (Peter MacDonald, Barb Stetter, Laurie Gorman, Jenny Tingley and Richard MacAulay) who will play special music for us as we celebrate the anniversary.
- We will be celebrating Communion next Sunday (November 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 am) and Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – people can still register for the Saturday service. Next Sunday is the start of Advent and our readers will be leading us in the Litany each week of Advent. The Litany will be sent to you by email with the bulletin each Friday.
- The Presbytery of Cape Breton will be meeting Tuesday night at 7:00pm via Zoom.
- The Session will meet in the church on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

## Mission Moment – November 22, 2020

### **Stable Housing. Strong Communities. Healthier Lives.**

Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM), a recognized Indigenous ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, has long understood the connection between stable housing and social well-being. When a person is safely and adequately housed, it becomes easier to find employment, develop healthy relationships and break habits of addiction. WICM operates a transitional housing complex coupled with an employment program to help give people in Winnipeg's North End and inner city a place from which to heal, grow and become who God has made them to be.

### **Prayer Partnership**

**Monday, November 23** We pray that Advent will be a time of hope, peace, love and joy as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

**Tuesday, November 24** We thank God for the dedication of workers and volunteers at food banks, women's shelters, breakfast and lunch programs, and other outreach projects.

**Wednesday, November 25** (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for peace and security for all women, as well as for people and programs addressing trauma and working for an end to violence against women.

**Thursday, November 26** We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches as its governing board meets to nurture ecumenism in Canada.

**Friday, November 27** We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister under challenging circumstances during a global pandemic.

**Saturday, November 28** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kootenay.