

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., NS
Sunday, November 8th, 2020
23rd 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

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

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

Moment of Reflection *O God our help in ages pas*

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Presentation of the Wreath

Gordon Gillespie, RCL Branch 12, and Elder Bradley Gillespie

Moment of Silence

Prayer

God save the Queen

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 NIV

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ²Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. ³But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates,

or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”²¹ But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.”²² Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

²³ “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Responsive Psalm #

78: 1-7 NIV

¹ My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

² **I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden**

things, things from of old—

³ things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

⁶ so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

⁷ Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

N. T. Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 NIV

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹²“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Music**Moment of reflection****Sermon****Are we ready?****OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD****Solo:****The King is coming****Ben Furey**

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Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service this Lord's day
Our readers today are Brad Gillespie & Todd Gouthro

If anyone is interested in **joining the church** at the Communion service on November 29th, he/she should contact the minister

Please remember to register for **Anniversary Service November 22nd** (Guest speaker will be rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay); and for **Communion on November 29th** ASAP

The **church secretary** will once again be in the office on Thursdays and Fridays to deal with registrations and letters for Sunday services.

Memorial (Benevolent Fund)

- In memory of Scottish friends Dr. Alisdair Glen and Dr. David Gardner by David & Catherine Sneddon

A donation has been given to Camp MacLeod by her family, in honour of Flossie MacLean's 90th birthday. Mom/Nana enjoyed many special events and "packed" Sunday School picnics held at Camp MacLeod. She was also very pleased that her 3 grandchildren attended camp.

A donation has been given to the Choir Fund by Eileen MacLean in honour of Flossie MacLean's 90th birthday.

Mission Moment – November 8, 2020

Mission Moment – Providing More than Medicine

When Devika first noticed something wrong with her leg, she visited her local hospital in Nepal to get it checked out, but after a few years, Devika's skin problems had gotten worse, not better. After visiting many clinics and traditional healers, Devika still couldn't find a solution. When she was just about to give up hope, Devika's friend suggested she visit the Shining Hospital. Supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, the hospital provides support, treatment and education for people suffering from leprosy. At the hospital, the staff diagnosed Devika's skin condition, provided the proper medicine and taught her about her condition. Today, Devika is thankful for the support she received!

Prayer Partnership

Sunday, November 8 We give thanks that those suffering from leprosy find support and learn about their condition at the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital in Nepal.

Monday, November 9 We pray for the members of the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre (formerly the Presbyterian Museum) committee as they work to preserve and display artifacts from the church's history.

Tuesday, November 10 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean who serves as a Bible Translation Advisor for Hakka and nine Indigenous teams in Taiwan.

Wednesday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for all who suffer or have died as a result of conflict or war. We ask for God's blessing on peacemakers and peacekeepers in this country and around the world, and that God protect and guide those who serve in the armed forces.

Thursday, November 12 We pray for women accused of witchcraft in Ghana who have found safety and freedom from stigma at the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Gambaga Outcast Home.

Friday, November 13 We pray for Lisa Baker who serves as the convener of the Inreach Committee for the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

Saturday, November 14 We pray for all students enrolled in the church's theological colleges as they seek to learn and grow in their faith.

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