

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



**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

#### Prelude

**Call to Worship, Prayer of Adoration and Approach & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)**

#### Moment of Reflection

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### O.T. Lesson

#### Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 NIV

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” <sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

#### Responsive Psalm Psalm 62: 5-12 NIV

<sup>5</sup>Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

**<sup>6</sup>Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

**<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup> Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.

**<sup>10</sup> Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup> One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: "Power belongs to you, God,

**<sup>12</sup> and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done."**

**N. T. Epistle Lesson            1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 NIV**

<sup>29</sup> What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; <sup>30</sup> those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; <sup>31</sup> those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

**N.T. Gospel Lesson            Mark 1: 14-20 NIV**

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" <sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

## **Moment of Reflection**

**Sermon      The Calling of the Fishermen**

**Solo          Ben Furey**

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

**Benediction & Postlude**

### **Announcements**

- We welcome everyone to the Service of worship.
- The readers today are Bradley Gillespie and Dennis MacIntyre.
- Groups preparing reports for the Annual Report should have them submitted to the church office [bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com).for inclusion by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Board of Managers** will meet Monday (tomorrow) at 7:30 pm.

**Session** will meet Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

### **Mission Moment – Providing Food for the Displaced**

In Syria, conflict continues to plague the population, causing over six million people to become internally displaced. As a result, many people are faced with a lack of access to food, loss of employment, high prices and inflation, making them very vulnerable. COVID-19 has only exacerbated the situation. Working with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing food baskets to 7,400 families to help meet daily food requirements. During these times of

uncertainty, the food baskets will provide a source of sustenance for the families.

### **Daily Prayer List**

**Prayer** We pray that, with the support of food baskets provided by PWS&D partners, the many Syrians facing food insecurity due to ongoing conflict will find the sustenance they need.

**Monday, January 25** We pray for children, and that their parents and guardians demonstrate the kind of love we have been shown by God.

**Tuesday, January 26** We give thanks for the beauty of God's creation, and pray that we cherish the earth and treat it wisely.

**Wednesday, January 27** We pray for vacant congregations; may they find ministers who will help them faithfully live out Christ's calling.

**Thursday, January 28** We pray and give thanks for Phulu Rai, manager at the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center in Nepal, and the staff, for their dedication as they care for residents.

**Friday, January 29** We pray for healthcare workers who put their own health and life at risk every day to bring healing and comfort to those who suffer.

**Saturday, January 30** We pray for the staff and volunteers serving in the Presbyterian Church Archives as they preserve the church's historical records.