

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



**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.



## **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service this morning.

The readers today are Bob and Donna Lyle who will also lead in the hymns in the service today.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Byron MacLeod who passed away last week.

## **Mission Moment – Empowering Youth in Malawi**

The people in Malawi's Mzimba District face many challenges. School dropout rates are high and teen pregnancy is on the rise. More women are experiencing gender-based violence, and there is a lack of knowledge about HIV transmission and prevention. To help address and educate the community about these issues, Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner, Livingstonia Synod AIDS Programme, has trained 20 community facilitators to teach parents how to nurture adolescents. The facilitators help parents engage youth on issues such as sexual and reproductive health, teen pregnancy, early marriage and the transmission of HIV. The project has been successful in encouraging adolescents to return to school after dropping out.

## **Prayer Partnership**

**Sunday, May 2** We pray for Eastern Orthodox Christians as they celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord.

**Monday, May 3** We pray for the candidates for ministry and the guidance counsellors who will gather to engage in

dialogue and reflection about vocation and discernment during the Guidance Conference this week.

**Tuesday, May 4 (Asian Heritage Month)** We give thanks for Asian cultures and people in Canada and pray that their rich contributions to our history and our nation be honoured and remembered.

**Wednesday, May 5** We pray for graduating theological students who are beginning the process of seeking a call to a congregation.

**Thursday, May 6** We give thanks and pray for clerks of Session as they, with ministers and fellow elders, provide leadership and pastoral care in congregations.

**Friday, May 7** We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

**Saturday, May 8** We pray for the safety of LGBTQI2+ refugees seeking sanctuary in Canada and give thanks for the congregations and sponsors supporting them.