

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, January 23rd, 2022
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany



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 & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn # 9 God's law is perfect

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Responsive Lesson Psalm 19

N.T. Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

N. T. Gospel Lesson Luke 4:14-21

Hymn # 634 Will you come and follow me

Sermon Proclaiming good news to the poor

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Special Music Somebody prayed foe me

Walter Letcher

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn # 642 O Master, let me walk with thee

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning.

Sympathies

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to

- Donnie & Anita Slade in the passing of brother John Slade on Saturday, January 15th.
- Gus and Alixe MacAskill in the passing of mother Ellen Emma MacDonald on Tuesday, January 18th

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of brother-in-law James Wedsworth from Philip and Donna MacLeod
- In memory of Kay Reid from Roy & Nancy MacDonald
- In memory of Kay Reid from Brad & Angie Gillespie

To the Choir Fund

- In memory of Ellen MacDonald from Gary & Margo Christie
- In memory of Ellen Emma MacDonald from Garfield & Marilyn Strickland
- In memory of Ellen Emma MacDonald from Carol Hall
- In memory of Ellen Emma MacDonald from Bev MacIsaac
- In memory of Ellen Emma MacDonald from Susan George

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Mary MacKenna and Lawrence Anthony from Mildred MacLean
- In memory of Kaye Reid from Don & Pat Munroe

To Camp MacLeod

- In loving memory of my brother Lawrence Anthony and Kay Reid from Betty Morris

Annual Reports for 2021

Some of the Annual Reports for 2021 have already been sent in and all are asked to send in reports. If it is possible, we would ask for them to be sent by email to the church at bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com The notice of the meeting will be given in the coming weeks.

Mission Moment

“Here I am, Lord,” rang out at the 88th Commencement Service of the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Lebanon, a seminary supported by Presbyterians Sharing. NEST graduates, Jamil, Khalil, Shant and Asadour, will serve churches in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon—three of the most troubled countries in the Middle East that are rife with violence, oppression, occupation, and severe economic, social and political crises. The hymn was their bold response to God’s calling. NEST President, Dr. George Sabra, declared, “If our seminary is able to continue graduating students with such commitment, then we must go on with our mission no matter what befalls us and our countries.”

Prayer Partnership

Sunday, January 23 We pray for graduates of the Near East School of Theology in Lebanon, who are responding to God’s call and serving churches in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon.

Monday, January 24 We pray for ministers and elders. May God keep them safe and give them energy and wisdom to lead their faith communities.

Tuesday, January 25 (Conversion of Paul the Apostle) We pray for those who violently persecute the church in attempt to destroy it. May they, like the Apostle Paul, have a change of heart.

Wednesday, January 26 We give thanks for mothers, like Eunice, and grandmothers, like Lois, whose faith inspired mentors such as Paul to Titus (2 Timothy 1:5, 2 Timothy 3:15).

Thursday, January 27 We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Friday, January 28 We pray for the wisdom to see the reality of racism and bigotry in the institutions of our country so that we may work to challenge and uproot these concepts in ourselves, our churches and our society.

Saturday, January 29 We pray for congregations as they gather for their annual general meetings.