

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 13th, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent



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 #194 Come, let us to the Lord our God

Lent Liturgy # 2

One: During Lent, we remember God's justice is being established and the oppressed are set free.

All: Let us submit our lives to Christ and be liberated from the patterns and sins that keep us captive.

One: God's grace brings justice and is at work within us, encouraging our relationships and challenging the flawed systems we are part of. Sometimes, change is gradual and sometimes change happens quickly.

All: All things are possible with God.

One: Let us pray.

All: Liberating God, you call us to seek that justice in the world which reflects the divine righteousness revealed in the Bible. When it is difficult to see your grace and justice at work, let us feel a strong sense of your presence and you at work in the world. Keep

us focused on the one who is the way, the truth and the life, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Responsive Lesson	Psalm 27
N.T. Epistle Lesson	Philippians 3:17-4:1
N. T. Gospel Lesson	Luke 13:31-35
Hymn # 499	Tell me the old, old story
Sermon	Blessed is He

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Special Music	Walter Letcher
Offering & Doxology	
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession	
Hymn # 198	I hunger and I thirst

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction
Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning. We are meeting online this week and next. The litany for Lent was forgotten last Sunday but we will start with the Litany this week. **The slot for depositing mail** is in the minister's study door not the hall.

Sunday School will meet at the usual time next Sunday in the hall.

Vacancy Committee

You should have received a regular letter in the mail sometime this week that will contain a form (Congregational profile) that is to be filled out and returned. The details about it will be in the letter.

Session will meet on Zoom on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7pm.

Sunday School Easter Memorial

On Easter Sunday the Sunday School will be placing brightly colored Easter eggs in a basket in memory of loved ones at the front of the Church. Money raised will be going to the Church. The names of those being remembered will also be read in Church and printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To purchase a memorial egg please put the names of those being remembered, and by whom, along with \$5.00 per name and your envelope number or address for a receipt. Please mark on envelope "Sunday School Easter Memorial". Place on the collection plate or give to one of the Sunday School Teachers. Thank You.

Mission Moment

In Afghanistan, Fatima had always dreamed of attending school. However, most schools were far from her home and, as a girl, it was unsafe for her to travel to them. At the age of 10, Fatima's dreams finally came true. She learned about a school near her village and persuaded her father to enroll her. "After completing my studies, I will become a teacher and become a role model for other girls and women in our village," Fatima shared. Though the current political situation in Afghanistan has left many children uncertain about their futures, Fatima prays that she will be able to continue her education beyond primary school. This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Prayer Partnership

Sunday, March 13 (Second Sunday in Lent) Loving God, nurture our faith so that we may love you and trust you more fully.

Monday, March 14 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.

Tuesday, March 15 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in the areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Wednesday, March 16 We pray for professors and students at the Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia.

Thursday, March 17 We pray for those who receive and count our offering. May they feel God's blessing as they do these important tasks for God.

Friday, March 18 We give thanks for the support the church provides through Presbyterian World Service & Development to facilitate access to clean water and sanitation training sessions that help communities stay healthy and prevent the spread of disease.

Saturday, March 19 We pray for church planting initiatives in the church.