

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 20th, 2022
Third 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.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude Jesus where'er thy people meet
Call to Worship
Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)
Hymn # 201 We come to ask your forgiveness

Lent Liturgy # 2

During Lent, God hears the desires of our hearts and chooses what is best for us. God draws us into a deeper relationship, offering us compassion, mercy and insight.

God hears and responds to our plans when they honour God's purposes for creation.

While we don't always recognize it, sometimes our dreams can be distorted, harmful and not consistent with God's principles.

We praise God for when God says "yes" and for when God says "no."

Let us pray.

All-knowing God, you see and understand all things. You walk with us on the journey to Christian maturity, and we know that you provide us guidance and wisdom. Help us to follow your ways. Make us patient when you correct us, forgive us when we resist your newness, and encourage us when we seek new ways of being. Let our lives conform to the pattern of the life of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament	Isaiah 55:1-9
Responsive Lesson	Psalms 63:1-8
N.T. Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
N. T. Gospel Lesson	Luke 13:1-9
Hymn # 347	There were ninety and nine

Sermon

Listening when we don't want to

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Special Music

Speak, O Lord

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Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn # 699

All the way my Saviour leads me

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction

Postlude

In the cross of Christ I glory

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning. We are meeting online this week. **The slot for depositing mail** is in the minister's study door not the hall. **The Finance & Maintenance Committee** wants to inform the congregation as to how we are doing in terms of offerings.

The treasurer notes the following:

The offering received for March 1st to March 17 is \$3,567.00.

Our budget for the month of March is \$16,540.

We continue to offer e-transfer option (email to

bethelofferings@bellaliant.com), and PAR

(preauthorized remittance) Contact office if you would like to use PAR

Vacancy Committee

You should have received a regular letter in the mail 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

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, **The Presbyterian Church in Canada is able to support many important outreach ministries associated with Cyclical PCC, a church planting support initiative.** One such ministry is Cornerstone Ministries. Cornerstone Ministries provides Christian hope and healing through innovative and supportive practices to struggling single moms and families in the Dunnville area of Ontario. Since moving most of their ministry work online, many more people have been positively impacted by Cornerstone. Through outreach, counselling and practical support, over 200 local families have come to know the God who loves them, helping them to blossom in faith, courage and wholeness.