

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**First 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 # 69      O thou, my soul, bless God the Lord

### **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament                      Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Responsive Lesson                  Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

N.T. Epistle Lesson                  Romans 10:8b-13

N. T. Gospel Lesson                  Luke 4:1-13

Hymn #375                              Fairest Lord Jesus

Sermon                                  Where did he go?

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Special Music                          Ben Furey

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn # 193      Out of my bondage, sorrow and night

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

Benediction

Postlude

## **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning. The readers this morning are Larry Victory and Dennis MacIntyre.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Brenda MacIntosh and family on the passing of her mother Lillian Butler on February 24, 2022.

### **Painting of sanctuary**

On Monday, the painters will be arriving to move the pews from the sanctuary so they can begin painting soon afterwards.

Because of this, we will not be having in person services on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of March. It is hoped that the scaffolding needed to do the ceiling of the church may be taken down in time for service on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I will do online services on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Vacancy Committee**

You will be receiving a regular letter in the mail sometime next 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.

### **Spring Communion**

A reminder that we will be having Communion on Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a

service on Good Friday at 1:00pm. Easter Service will be Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Session** will meet on Zoom on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

### **To the Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of James Wedsworth and Kay Reid from Edna Taker

### **To Camp MacLeod**

- In memory of Dr. Cheryl Conrod from Linda & Myrna Ross
- In memory of Dr. Cheryl Conrod from Eileen MacLean
- In memory of Donald Ferguson and Dr. Cheryl Conrod from Kathy Hardy

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Gordon Ferguson's father Donald Ferguson from Linda and Myrna Ross
- In memory of Toss & Ollie MacAulay, and Henry and Marguerite Gillespie from Harold & Lynn Gillespie

### **To the Sunday School**

- In memory of Donald Ferguson, Effie Ferguson, Howard Hillier and Jean MacQueen from Gordon & Wendy Ferguson

## **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.

The Presbytery of Cape Breton appointed me Interim Moderator of Bethel Church for the purpose of seeking to fill the impending vacancy of the congregation upon the retirement of the Rev. Robert Lyle in August of 2022. I have met with the session on four occasions between October and February. We have formed a Search Committee with representation from Session and the wider congregation. The members of this committee are Charles Greaves, David Sneddon, Jennifer March, Margie MacLeod, Heather MacQueen, Todd Gouthro

and Lynn Gillespie. We thank them for agreeing to serve the congregation in this way. The committee will report to and be responsible to Session. One of its tasks will be to prepare a congregational profile. The first meeting was held on February 28

R. Ritchie Robinson

### **Mission Moment**

The Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, has been struggling to recruit and retain pastors to serve in poor, rural churches. To encourage seminary students to return after studying abroad, the church started the Nest Program, which offers pastors a safe place to live. **Bishop Zán-Fábián was overjoyed when The Presbyterian Church in Canada offered financial support to renovate a vacant parish house for the Rev. Sándor and his wife Noémi**, who have agreed to serve in the small village of Tiszaújhely. With financial assistance from Presbyterians Sharing, Sándor and Noémi have furnished their house with basic appliances and furniture and can now concentrate on their ministry in Tiszaújhely and give thanks to God.

## **Prayer Partnership**

**Sunday, March 6 (First Sunday in Lent)** Dear God, help us to order our lives in faithful obedience to you so that we may come to know our weaknesses and appreciate your grace at work in our lives.

**Monday, March 7** We pray for the pastors of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, who faithfully serve people of Hungarian descent.

**Tuesday, March 8 (International Women's Day)** We pray for the women of the Women's Missionary Society as they continue to support women in marginalized countries.

**Wednesday, March 9** We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

**Thursday, March 10** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Friday, March 11** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Quebec.

**Saturday, March 12** We pray for the ministry of Rockland Community Church near Ottawa, Ontario. May their congregation feel a strong sense of God's presence as they find new ways to share the gospel of Christ with neighbours.