

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, April 10th, 2022
Palm Sunday
Spring Communion



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)

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn # 517 See Israel's gentle Shepherd stand

See Israel's gentle Shepherd stand
with all engaging charms;
hark how he calls the tender lambs,
and folds them in his arms.

'Permit them to approach,' he cries,
'nor scorn their humble name,
for 'twas to bless such souls as these
the Lord of angels came.

'We bring them, Lord, in thankful hands,
and yield them up to thee;
joyful that we ourselves are thine;
thine let our children be.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn #214 All glory, laud and honour

Refrain:

***All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas
ring!***

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son, who
in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee
went;

our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we
resent.

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of
praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we
bring. who in all good delightest. Thou good and
gracious King.

Litany for Palm Sunday

One: During Lent, we remember that when life seems to
change direction, God is offering a new way of being.

**All: Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey as the
Messiah.**

One: Instead of entering triumphantly as a victorious king, he came humbly offering peace.

All: The crowd would change from shouting, “Hosanna” to “Crucify.”

One: They hoped that the Messiah would come to defeat the Romans.

All: But Jesus came to defeat sin and death itself.

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy One, blessed are you for you come among us offering new life. We recognize that we can be blinded by our expectations and are too often unwilling to see your different and better ways. Open us to the truth that there is more to your reality than we can see or understand. In the name of Christ, who is able to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each

other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Responsive Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-20

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

²**Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

¹⁹Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰**This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.**

²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²²**The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**

²³the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.**

²⁵LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

N.T. Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; **7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! **9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

N. T. Gospel Lesson Luke 19:28-40

28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29** As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, **30** “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” **32** Those who were sent ahead went

and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Hymn # 415 Children of Jerusalem

Children of Jerusalem sang the praise of Jesus' name:
children now, in every place join to sing the Saviour's
praise;

Hark! hark! hark! the children's voices sing.

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Loud hosannas, loud hosannas, loud hosannas to our
King.

Teach us now to love you, Lord; teach us how to read
your word; teach us all the ways of heaven. Joyful
praise to God be given.

Parents, teachers, old and young, all unite to swell the song, higher and yet higher rise, till hosannas fill the skies.

Sermon Here comes Jesus

Special Music Walter Letcher

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Prayer of Intercession

Reception of New Member

**Hymn # 543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee
(vs. 1-3)**

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven
Here would we lay aside each earthly load.
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer

Hymn # 211 Take up your cross

Take up your cross, the Saviour said, if my disciple you would be; deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill frightened spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish pride rebel: for you the Saviour bore the cross, to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and every danger calmly brave; 'twill guide you to a heavenly home, and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down, for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning. Reading this morning are Donald Brown and Linda Greaves. Being received through the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is Annalyse Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Baillie Arsenau. Being received into Communicant Membership is Nathan Dulvy by Profession of Faith.

Offering for March

The offering for March was \$12,948. The budget for the month was \$16,540.

Friday

This Friday we will have a Good Friday Service at 1:00pm in the sanctuary.

Saturday

The official launch of the new Christian Praise FM station 90.7 is being celebrated on Saturday at Faith Baptist Church beginning at 12:00 noon.

Next Sunday

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.

The Sunday School will do present a program for the congregation.

To the Current Fund

In memory of my parents George E. and Mamie MacLeod from Frances (MacLeod)McClure, Moncton, NB

To Camp MacLeod

In memory of Cheryl Conrod from Donnie Campbell

Mission Moment

Penjani Sichinga holds a special place in his heart for the David Gordon Memorial Hospital (DGMH) in northern Malawi, where he has worked since 2004, though not everyone shares this passion. DGMH is a rural mission that serves a population of 120,000; and due to its remote location, poor accommodation and few incentives, the hospital sees a high staff turnover rate, especially among doctors. Penjani received encouragement and support from the Synod of Livingstonia Health Department to pursue medical studies to become a certified doctor. He finished his studies in 2021, and thanks to support from Presbyterians Sharing, is now working on completing an internship at the Livingstonia University Teaching Hospital in Zambia. After Penjani completes his final medical training requirement, he will return to work at DGMH—but this time as a fully certified doctor!

Prayer Partnership

Monday, April 4 We pray for the ministry of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fredericton, New Brunswick, as the congregation seeks new ways of reaching out to their neighbours.

Tuesday, April 5 We pray for congregations that have or are seeking Interim/Transitional Ministry and give thanks for those working as interim ministers.

Wednesday, April 6 We give thanks for those who work and volunteer with food banks.

Thursday, April 7 We give thanks and pray for community health workers who help to ensure the people they work with stay healthy and have access to medical attention when needed.

Friday, April 8 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Saturday, April 9 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.