

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, May 15th, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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)

Hymns # 641 One more step along the world I go

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Responsive Psalm 148

N.T. Lesson Revelation 21:1-6

N.T. Gospel Lesson John 13:31-35

Hymn # 489 Help us to help each other, Lord

Sermon Love one another

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Special Music How great Thou art Bob Lyle

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn # 635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.

Reading this morning are Donald Brown and Donna Lyle.

The Session is asked to meet at the front of the church service.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Kay Reid whose funeral was held in the sanctuary yesterday.

John Geddie A. M. S. May 2022

Members and Associate members of John Geddie AMS who would like to give their Mission Offerings are asked to place their envelopes on the church offering plate or give them to our Treasurer, Nancy MacDonald. Our semi-annual offering will be sent by May 24th. We are hoping to have an Auxiliary meeting in June and will let you know when the date, time and place of the meeting are confirmed. We are looking forward to getting together before the summer begins. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Cove Guest Home Yard Sale

Annual Cove Auxiliary yard sale will be held Saturday June 4th, 800am to 1100am at Bethel Church Hall. Donations of household articles, books, garden plants etc. will be gratefully received. Donated items may be dropped off at the church hall on Friday June 3rd between 900 AM and 100 PM or contact Joan at 564-5140. Thank You

To the Current Fund

In memory of our beloved mother, Jean MacQueen, from her four daughters Mary Elizabeth, Barbara, Audrey and Eleanor.

To the Sunday School

In memory of Evelyn MacGillivray from daughter Geraldine MacLeod and family.

Camp MacLeod – is looking for a male senior staff member and a male leader in training. Contact Taylor 902-578-4637

Mission Moment – Sunday, May 8th

In Malawi, unreliable rainfall patterns are a significant issue affecting farmers. As a result of climate change, these unpredictable rains greatly impact food security and limit what farmers can and cannot plant. To assist farmers in Malawi's Karonga District, workshops that teach conservation agriculture techniques are held. Farmers learn how to use mulch and make compost to nourish the soil and grow better

crops. Farmers also learn other essential techniques, including weed and pest management, to address the ongoing challenges of climate change. **Since implementing a conservation agriculture approach, many farmers have significantly increased their crop yields.** This agricultural project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, May 15 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who teach farmers in Malawi about conservation agriculture, helping them to protect and revitalize life-giving soil and cultivate plentiful harvests.

Monday, May 16 We pray for those who have suffered racial discrimination within the church. May we, as a church, take action to repent of the harm that has been caused by acts of discrimination.

Tuesday, May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia) We pray for an end to all forms of hatred and discrimination that target LGBTQI2+ people. As a church, we have been part of this harm, and we repent.

Wednesday, May 18 We pray for new graduates of our theological colleges who are patiently listening to God and seeking a call to congregational ministry.

Thursday, May 19 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg in Nova Scotia.

Friday, May 20 We give thanks for the mission and ministry of Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and for the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Margaret Mullin.

Saturday, May 21 We pray for those planning the 2022 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which will meet online beginning June 5.