

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, July 24th, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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 # 269 Your kingdom come, O God

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament 2 Kings 20:1-6

Responsive Lesson Psalm 103:1-13

Hymn # 784 Thy kingdom come-on bended knee

N.T. Epistle Lesson Acts 4:8-21

N. T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:18-34

Sermon The great physician

Hymn # 359 The great physician now is near

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Special Music

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn # 769 Lord of light, whose name and
splendour

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Gary Grant will be leading the service this morning. Reading are Gary Grant and Todd Gouthro.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Gordon MacKeigan whose funeral was held in the sanctuary Wednesday.

Current Fund

In memory of Gordie MacKeigan from Mary & Wayne Penny

To Benevolent Fund

In memory of Mac Cameron, Joyce Keigan and Gordie MacKeigan from Lylah MacLeod

In memory of Mac Cameron and Gordie MacKeigan from Brad & Angie Gillespie

Cape Breton Presbytery Retirement Service – Rev Robert Lyle:

The Presbytery of Cape Breton will be hosting a Worship Service recognizing the work of the Rev Robert and Mrs. Donna Lyle in Bethel Church on Sunday evening, August 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM followed by a Reception in the church hall. This service is open to the public and all are invited to attend and to extend well wishes to Bob and Donna at this time.

Piano in the manse free to pick up for anyone wanting it.

The Worship Committee is looking for ushers for the fall. Please let Kathy Hardy 902-562-8578 or Sandra MacLeod 902-539-2467 if you are interested.

Nonperishable food items can be left in the vestibule for Camp MacLeod. Things like cereal, peanut butter, jam, pasta and sauce, cake mixes, baking supplies are a few suggestions and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Financial Report – from Jan 1 to June 30

Total receipts were \$93,162, and total expenses were \$127,679 resulting in a deficit of \$34,517. The offering was \$1,565 lower than last year, and expenses were \$12,901 higher than last year. Oil cost \$24,220 this year compared to \$14,732 last year. In comparison, there was a deficit of \$20,051 for the same six month period in 2021. **We are worse off by \$14,466, bottom line, this year compared to 2021.** The above receipts and expenses do not include the church paint project. The cost for the project was \$57,344 which was paid by funds from the Trustees.

Mission Moment

In Afghanistan, Samaaneh was born with hemiplegia, a form of muscle paralysis that affects one side of the body. Samaaneh's father worked as a teacher and made enough money to support his wife and three children, and also pay for Samaaneh's physiotherapy. After the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, the family fled to Pakistan. While they were able to find refuge in a cramped one-bedroom house, Samaaneh's father couldn't find work, and the family had very little access to financial resources. **Through Presbyterian World Service & Development, in collaboration with ACT Alliance, Samaaneh's family received cash assistance to help with purchasing essential items.** Samaaneh's father has used some of the money to arrange for his daughter to have physiotherapy as well.

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, July 24 We pray for those who have been uprooted by conflict in Afghanistan and give thanks for the emergency assistance that Presbyterians in Canada are providing them through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Monday, July 25 We give thanks and pray for churches that are striving to live more lightly on the Earth by taking steps to improve energy efficiency in church buildings and by developing community gardens.

Tuesday, July 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Assiniboia in Saskatchewan.

Wednesday, July 27 We pray for the ministry, staff and campers at Presbyterian camps across the country.

Thursday, July 28 We give thanks and pray for musicians and singers in congregations who help to lead our praise of God.

Friday, July 29 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.

Saturday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in Persons) We pray for an end to all forms of human trafficking.