

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, October 16th, 2022
Nineteenth 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 #348 Tell me the stories of Jesus

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament	Jeremiah 31:27-34
Responsive Lesson	Psalms 119:89-104
N. T. Epistle Lesson	2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-5
Hymn #498	Sing them over again to me
Message	"Life-Bearing Words"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Special Music

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn #497 Word of God, across the ages

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay. Reading are Bradley Gillespie and Dennis MacIntyre.

Session Report: At this time, the Finance and Maintenance Committee is working with several contractors to restore the church so we can Worship there. The roof has been repaired and plans are being made to remove the wet insulation from the attic area and it has been determined that upgrades must be made to the wiring in the church. Repainting may be delayed to make sure the walls and ceiling tiles have completely dried.

We will continue to Worship in the hall until necessary repairs are made in the church.

Mission Moment

In Pakistan, after repeated and prolonged droughts, Rano and her husband, Jeevo, were left with land that was unable to produce a harvest. As they were contending with worries about how they would feed their family, the situation turned worse when Jeevo's mother died, and they had to take on significant debt in order to pay for the funeral expenses. Jeevo went to Karachi to work, while Rano purchased food and necessities for the family on credit. Unfortunately, Jeevo's earnings were only enough to pay their debt and nothing else. Things finally improved when Rano and Jeevo's family were selected to be part of a Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) food assistance project, where they received food packages of oil, wheat, rice, sugar, tea and salt. **As a church, our Christian response to hunger is put into action through PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.**

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, October 16 (Students and Colleges Sunday) We give thanks to God for our three theological colleges—The Presbyterian College (Montreal, Quebec), Knox College (Toronto, Ontario) and St. Andrew's Hall/Vancouver School of Theology (British Columbia)—and we pray for the students as they prepare for ministry.

Monday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) We pray for an end to poverty, as well as for guidance and strength for those who are working to eliminate poverty and helping meet the needs of all who are experiencing it.

Tuesday, October 18 We pray for guidance and creativity for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive and the 2024 Planning Team as they meet at the national office of the PCC from October 17–19.

Wednesday, October 19 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Thursday, October 20 We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and for Nancy Lin, Ecumenical Relations Program Secretary, as she recovers from a medical condition.

Friday, October 21 We give thanks and pray for those working in nursing and long-term care homes and hospitals as they provide care to people, often in understaffed facilities.

Saturday, October 22 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their ministry.