

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, October 23<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Twentieth 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)

Children's Hymn #428                      We love your house, O

God

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament

Genesis 1: 1-5;31

Responsive Lesson

Psalms 47

Hymn #677

My faith looks up to Thee

N.T. Gospel Lesson

John 16:17-24

N. T. Epistle Lesson

Hebrew 11 (selected verses)

then 12:1-3

Sermon

"first faith – then joy!"

Hymn #410

Joyful, joyful we adore you

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Special Music

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn #681

We have heard a joyful sound

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Benediction

Postlude

## **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Gary Grant. Reading are Elizabeth Matheson and Todd Gouthro.

**Congratulations** and the Lord's blessing on DK and Greta MacLeod who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past week.

### **To Sunday School**

In memory of Donald Brown Sr. (Donnie Brown's father) from Kathy Hardy

### **To Current Fund**

In memory of Donald Brown Sr. from Roy & Nancy MacDonald

### **To the Benevolent Fund**

In memory of Donald Brown, Sr. from Joan and Gary Grant

In memory of Donald Brown, Sr. from Brad and Angie Gillespie

**The Session** has decided that the church will not be used or heated at any time until repairs are completed for safety reasons. We will continue to meet in the hall.

### **This afternoon**

156<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Glace Bay will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, October 23. All are invited to attend.

Ham and Salad Take Out with pie St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, **Friday, November 4** from 11-1 and 4-5:30. Reserve tickets before October 27 by calling 902-737-2529 or 902-849-2479. \$17

### **Mission Moment**

The importance of elders who serve in congregational leadership is often understated. But the Bible describes elders as playing a very important role—they are leaders that Christ has appointed to oversee the church. **Elders are at the heart of Cariboo Presbyterian House Church Mission in British**

**Columbia**, continually providing prayer, comfort and support to the congregation and community. The authentic and humble ways in which the elders live out their faith is a compelling testimony and example for other members. Their wisdom teaches them about God's deep love and purpose for their lives. Presbyterians Sharing supports congregations serving remote communities.

### **Prayer Calendar**

**Sunday, October 23** We remember Chanie Wenjack, who died of hunger and exposure on this day in 1966 after running away from Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, which The Presbyterian Church in Canada operated. We pray for Survivors and all those who carry deep pain and trauma from Residential Schools.

**Monday, October 24** 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 ministry.

**Tuesday, October 25** We pray that the Holy Spirit guides the National Indigenous Ministry Council in their work to develop a statement of faith.

**Wednesday, October 26** We give thanks for those who have been working hard to help the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre complete the move into its new home in Carlisle, Ontario, where the rich history and accomplishments of the PCC will be proudly displayed.

**Thursday, October 27** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

**Friday, October 28** We give thanks and pray for those seeking clarity in God's will as we discern ways to bring together different theological views in the denomination.

**Saturday, October 29** We pray for the members of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network of the Canadian Council of Churches as they collaborate to end racism in churches across Canada.