

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, October 30th, 2022
Twenty-first 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 #611 For all the saints

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Lesson

Psalm 24

Hymn #291

Thou whose almighty word

N. T. Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

N.T. Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon

Christian's Past, Present

and Future

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn # 177

Christ, whose glory fills the

skies

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Doxology

Anthem

A Miracle in me

By Stan Pethel

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #353

Hail, our once-rejected

Jesus

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Kevin Richardson. Reading are Richard MacAulay and Gwen Shepard.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Vivian Morrison in the passing of her mother Isabelle Ferguson Troke; and also to the family of Marion Stephens who passed away Monday.

To Benevolent Fund

In memory of Donald Brown Sr. and Joan Stephenson from Harold & Lynn Gillespie.

To the Sunday School

In memory of Donald Brown Sr. from Myrna and Linda Ross.

To Current Fund

In memory of Donald Brown Sr. from Gordon and Stephen Gillespie.

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

Sunday, November 13 we will be celebrating the 96th Anniversary of this congregation. Rev. Corrie Stewart will be the guest speaker. Communion will also be served on the same Sunday and fellowship to follow.

During the month of November, our congregation is invited to join the members of the **John Geddie AMS** as they prayerfully and financially support the work

of our local Every Woman's Center in their Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program. Donations may be given to any AMS member or left on the church offering plate on Sunday. Please make cheques out to " Bethel Presbyterian Church " and a receipt will be issued. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

MINISTERIAL ASSISTANCE: Should you require the assistance of a minister, please contact the Church Office and leave a message or contact Charles Greaves, Clerk of Session, and arrangements will be made for you.

COVID 19 Protocol: Just a reminder that because of the continued concern regarding COVID, the Session has agreed that masks be worn when entering and leaving the place of Worship. Worshipers may remove masks once seated if they wish but are encouraged to continue to wear masks while seated because of the reduced spacing offered in the hall seating arrangement.

Mission Moment

When the war in Ukraine started, Irina's family was torn apart. Her husband joined the territorial defence force to serve his country, while Irina and their two children sought refuge at her parents' house. The sound of bombs exploding nearby made it clear that

the situation was still unsafe, and Irina determined to find a safer place for her family. On their way to the evacuation point, bombs started falling on the settlement. Irina was fortunate to see a convoy of cars passing by, which her family hastily joined. Eventually, they were able to catch a train to western Lviv, where they found safe shelter at a refugee centre run by Hungarian Interchurch Aid through the ACT Alliance, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, October 30 We pray for peace, and we give thanks for the life-saving support Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are providing to families suffering the terrifying consequences of war in Ukraine.

Monday, October 31 (Reformation Day) Strengthen our hearts, O God; make them eager to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and awaken us to the greatness of your glory and the breadth of your grace.

Tuesday, November 1 (All Saints Day) We thank God for knitting us into one fellowship; for the people who have gone ahead of us in the faith and who loved us, formed our faith and served God with joy and grace.

Wednesday, November 2 We pray for the people of the Vindhya-Satpura region in India—known as the Bhil Field—who will be celebrating a 125-year relationship with the PCC, and we ask for God’s blessing on Pauline Brown as she continues to live in India and serve the people she calls her family in Christ.

Thursday, November 3 We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Friday, November 4 As the days grow shorter and colder, we pray for the homeless and underhoused and give thanks for those who provide shelter, food and friendship.

Saturday, November 5 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Psalm 24 – New International Version (NIV)

1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

**2 for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.**

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?

**4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.**

5 They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Savior.

**6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**8 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.**

9 Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**10 Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.**