

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, October 9th, 2022
Eighteenth 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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Deuteronomy 10:14-22

Responsive Lesson Psalm 16

Hymn

N. T. Gospel Lesson Luke 10:25-37

Hymn

Sermon Thank heavens for Good Samaritans

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Special Music

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Roy Webber. Reading are Gary Grant and Chris McCall.

To Loaves & Fishes

In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Glayne & Ann MacQueen

To Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Mona-Lynn MacIntosh from Elizabeth MacDonald and Catherine McCharles
- In memory of Mona MacIntosh, Joyce Keagan, Byron MacLeod, and Don Morrison from Valerie Rhude
- In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Keith and Carol Ferguson

To Camp MacLeod

- In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Leah Ferguson
- In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Flossie MacLean and Sandra MacLeod

To Current Fund

- In memory of Mona MacIntosh and Lois Lewis from Joyce MacDougall
- In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Sharon McKay
- In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Eileen Kingsbury
- In memory of Mona MacIntosh from John Clarke
- In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Allan & Julia Townsend
- In memory of Donald Lloyd Brown, father of Donnie Brown, from Linda & Ivan Henderson

Session will meet Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 by Zoom.

Financial Report – from Jan 1 to August 31

Total receipts were \$126,014 and total expenses were \$161,714 resulting in a deficit of \$35,700. The offering was \$15,899 lower than last year, and expenses were \$15,863 higher than last year. In comparison there was a deficit of \$3,938 for the same eight-month period in 2021. **We are worse off by \$31,762 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

While God's message of love, hope and faith stays the same, ways of engaging in ministry are continually changing. Recognizing that God was calling them to do something new,

Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, engaged in a process of discernment where they revealed a vision of being “a healthy, loving family for each and every neighbour.” This vision was put into action by rallying together with community groups to provide care and support in practical ways, such as creating a food pantry to provide food and essential items to their community. **Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations engage in intentional renewal.**

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, October 9 (Harvest Sunday) We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and resources, and we pray for a more just care of the earth and its resources.

Monday, October 10 (Thanksgiving Day) We give thanks and pray for ministries that operate food banks and community pantries, providing food, toiletries and other essential items to those in need.

Tuesday, October 11 We give thanks to God for challenging us to discover and participate in God’s mission each day with neighbours through our words and deeds.

Wednesday, October 12 We pray for the staff and volunteers of Living Waters Mission in Peterborough, Ontario, who share God’s love and acceptance for people who struggle with isolation, addiction and mental health.

Thursday, October 13 The church has confessed to the harm caused when we exclude and ostracize LGBTQI people. We pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance as we work to repair damaged relationships and contribute to healing.

Friday, October 14 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Ernest van Eck, the new principal of Knox College in Toronto, Ontario.

Saturday, October 15 World Service & Development partners who are striving to end hunger. As we mark **World Food Day** tomorrow, we pray for the millions of people suffering the effects of climate change and conflict-induced hunger and give thanks for Presbyterian