

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion and Anniversary Sunday**



**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

M: God calls us to remember our history

**P: God calls us to act for the sake of our future**

M: God calls us to dream new dreams.

**P: God calls us to forge new adventures.**

M: God calls us to love and service.

**P: God calls us to be Christ's disciples and to follow him.**

**All: We have heard God's call and we desire to follow him.  
Together let us worship God.**

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Hymn #324

Great is Thy faithfulness

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament:

2 Kings: 4:42-44

Responsive Lesson

Psalm 145:10-18

Hymn # 784

Thy kingdom come

N.T. Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:6, 14-21

N. T. Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

**Faithfulness**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Special Music

Healing Grace

*by John Chisum & Gary Sandler*

*Choral setting by Jane Holstein*

Offering & Doxology

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn #548

Let us break bread together

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (printed in bulletin)

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer

Hymn #563

Let us talents and tongues

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## **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Benediction and Choral Amen

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning as we celebrate Communion and our Anniversary. Leading the service this morning is Rev. Corrie Stewart. Reading are David Sneddon and Linda Greaves. There will be a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Reading next week** are Larry Victory and Catherine Sneddon.

## **To Sunday School Fund**

In memory of Chris & Larry Victory's son-in-law from Myrna & Linda Ross.

## **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Marion Stephens from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Joyce Keigan and Donnie Brown Sr. from Linda & Donnie Robertson
- In memory of Isabelle Ferguson Troke from Catherine & David Sneddon

**Christmas Tea & Sale** at the Sydney Steel Worker's & Pensioners Club on Saturday Nov. 19 from 2-4pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Linda Ross, Myrna Ross, and Pat Munroe.

The John Geddie AMS are invited to meet on **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 2pm at the home of Beth Matheson. Her address is 137 Legacy St, Sydney (formerly Cornwallis St.). Our fall dues of \$5.00 each will be collected at this meeting. New members always welcome.

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 "**John Geddie AMS**" and a receipt will be issued. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Session will meet on **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm.

The Worship and Nurture and Program Committees have decided to have a **Christmas Memorial Hymn** sing on Sunday December 4, 2022 at 7 pm. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please have it in **on or before Sunday, November 27** so the names can be printed in the bulletin for that evening.

**Reminder:** Please return the “Coins for Camp MacLeod” jars if you haven’t already done so.

### **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**

**Village Safe Motherhood Committees are a vital part of Presbyterian World Service & Development’s maternal, newborn and child health programming in Malawi.** The people who run the committees work tirelessly to ensure that pregnant women and their partners are informed about the community services available to them before, during and after the birth of their child—and why these

services are so important. Committee staff advise women to attend check-ups and deliver at a health-care facility, as well as encourage partner participation. They also educate parents about the importance of vaccination and proper nutrition. This is life-saving work for many pregnant women and infants in Malawi.

### **Prayer Calendar**

**Sunday, November 13** We give thanks and pray for caregivers in Malawi who work to ensure that children have a safe environment to live, play and learn, as well as access to vital health-care services.

**Monday, November 14** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

**Tuesday, November 15** 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 ministry.

**Wednesday, November 16** We pray for members of the church who work to preserve the history of their congregations.

**Thursday, November 17** We pray for the house church ministry of Two Rivers Church in Guelph, Ontario, as the congregation grows in outreach to their neighbours with the transforming love of Christ.

**Friday, November 18** We give thanks for the Rev. Martin Kalimbe, outgoing Executive Director of Theological Education by Extension in Malawi, and we pray for his successor.

## **Psalm 145: 10–18 New International Version**

**10** All your works praise you LORD; your faithful people extol you.

**11** They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

**12** so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

**14** The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

**15** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their Food at the proper time.

**16** You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**17** The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

**18** The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues with thanksgivings until*

*we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues until*

*....and his promise of a new creation, as we affirm the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues with a petition for the power of the Holy Spirit.*