

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, November 20th, 2022
Twenty-Fourth 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 #299

Holy, holy, holy

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

John 4:16-24

Responsive Lesson

Micah 6:6-8

Hymn #332

How great thou art

N.T. Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-10

N. T. Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:9-19

Sermon

"True Worship"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #350

To God be the glory

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Doxology

Special Music

All hail the power of Jesus name

*by Oliver Holden, Edward Perronet and
John Rippon/ arranged by Patti Drennan*

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #407

Praise my soul the King of

heaven

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Rev. Allan MacLellan. Reading are Larry Victory and Catherine Sneddon.

Reading next week are Donald Brown and Chris McCall.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Donna (Halliday) MacDonald and family in the passing of her husband Miles in Guysborough.

To Current Fund

- In memory of Joan Stephenson from Mary Stone
- In memory of Isabelle Ferguson Troke, mother of Vivian Morrison, from Don & Pat Munroe

Tuesday, November 22nd at 2pm.

The John Geddie AMS are invited to meet 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.

Tuesday, November 29th at 7pm Session will meet.

The Worship and Nuture and Program Committees have decided to have a **Christmas Memorial Hymn Sing** on Sunday, December 4th at 7pm. 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.

Would you like to help us?

The Cape Breton Coalition for Social Justice is in need of New or fairly new pre-school and childrens books. Our Literacy Project collects and delivers new books or books in good condition to the food banks, resource centers, etc. This means that books can be introduced to children prior to going to school when families cannot afford to buy books. If you have any children's books you wish to donate please contact:

Franklyn at 902-577-3415; Kathleen at 902-539-4669; Marilyn at 902-727-2461 or any member of the Coalition. We will make arrangements for drop-off or collection. Thank you in advance for your support.

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

Through Presbyterians Sharing, many people share their gifts to support the mission and ministry of the PCC. Congregations and individuals use their time and skills to develop educational resources, lead conferences and webinars, and provide coaching and mentoring. Teachers are preparing leaders to serve the church, leaders are helping renew and

grow ministries, and mission staff are accompanying and encouraging international partners. Volunteers are ensuring that programs run smoothly by guiding study groups, sharing their experiences and insights and much more! **Generous gifts of time, talent and treasure allow us to continue Christ's ministry, in Canada and around the world.**

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, November 20 (Reign of Christ) Almighty and everlasting God, wrapped in glory; as you are compassionate, make us like you; as you are just, make us doers of justice; as you are one, unite us in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, November 21 We give thanks and pray for the members of the Assembly Council who are meeting at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre in Puslinch, Ontario, from November 20–22.

Tuesday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We give thanks and pray for those who work to provide food, shelter and housing for people in need.

Wednesday, November 23 We give thanks and pray for congregations as they continue to faithfully support the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in

Canada through generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Thursday, November 24 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Friday, November 25 On the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, we pray for all women who are survivors of violence and for those who have lost loved ones to gender-based violence. We pray that we, as a society, commit to working toward achieving safety for all women and an end to misogyny.

Saturday, November 26 We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Responsive Reading Micah 6:6-8

L With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

P *Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

L He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

P To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.