

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Twenty-second 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**

Prelude

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

Laying of Wreath      Gordon & Brad Gillespie

O Canada # 800

Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn #373              Jesus loves me

### **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament      Exodus 17:8-16

Responsive Lesson Psalm 46

Hymn #330              O God, our help in ages past

N. T. Gospel Lesson 2 Timothy 3:10-17

N.T. Epistle Lesson 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Sermon                  Old soldiers never die

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn # 358              There is a redeemer

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Doxology

Special Music

### **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #487              Onward, Christian Soldiers

God Save the King

Benediction & Choral Amen

## **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Kevin Richardson. Reading are Charles Nicholson and Richard Dulvy.

**Reading next week** is David Sneddon and Linda Greaves.

### **Sympathy**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry & Chris Victory on the passing of their son-in-law last week in Edmonton.

### **To Current Fund**

In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Kim & Donnie Brown

### **To Sunday School Mission Fund**

In memory of Donald Brown Sr. from Eileen MacLean

**Next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** we will be celebrating the 96<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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.

#### **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**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has a long history of mission in nursing and health care in India. For over 150 years, over 250 missionaries have served in this work. Today, the PCC partners with the Graduate School for Nurses (GSN), which is part of the Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI). GSN offers hands-on education for nursing students that promotes and contributes to clinical and professional excellence. Shimy Mathew, Secretary of the Nurses League of CMAI, has asked for prayers and “for wisdom to discern God’s will for the institution” in light of the recent challenges the school is facing due to government regulations. We join Shimy in prayer and give thanks for her deep faith in Jesus and for her perseverance.

## **Prayer Calendar**

**Sunday, November 6** We pray for the Graduate School for Nurses in India facing challenges due to government regulations. May God’s wisdom and discernment guide the school in reorganizing and looking for a way forward.

**Monday, November 7** We give thanks for ecumenical councils that bring Christians from different denominations together to engage in fellowship, study and action.

**Tuesday, November 8** We pray for students studying at Knox College in Toronto, Ontario. May God guide them in

thinking deeply, living honestly, and leading courageously.

**Wednesday, November 9** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

**Thursday, November 10** We pray for those who minister to soldiers, sailors and aircrews. May they be a constant reminder of God's presence, especially in times when people feel estranged from their homes and families.

**Friday, November 11 (Remembrance Day)** We pray for all who mourn or suffer as a result of conflict and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.

Saturday, November 12 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

## **Psalm 46 New International Version**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**
- 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**
- 7 The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 8 Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.**
- 9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**
- 11 The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.