

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Christmas Eve**



**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.

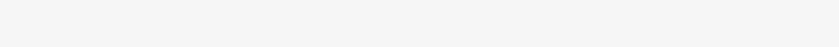
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

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| Hymn #122 | Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel<br>(vs. 1, 2, 6, 7) |
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| The Promise | Genesis 3:15 |
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| Hymn #148 | It came upon a midnight clear |
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| The Prophecy | Isaiah 9:2-7 | George Jessen |
|              | Micah 5:2-5a | George Jessen |

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(Lighting Litany led by Flossie MacLean, Sandra MacLeod and Susan Jessen)

Special Music

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| The Angel Gabriel | Luke 1:26-35 | Beth Matheson |
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| Mary's Song | Luke 1:46-55 | Beth Matheson |
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| Hymn # 161 | What child is this |
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| The Birth of Christ | Luke 2:1-7 | Margie MacLeod |
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Hymn #143            Infant holy, infant lowly

The Shepherds and the angels visit            Luke 2:8-20  
Margie MacLeod

Hymn #138            While shepherds watched

Meditation            God keeps his promises

Hymn # 164            O little town of Bethlehem

Choir

Offering Hymn #145            (last verse)

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him give my heart.

Prayer

Hymn # 154            Silent night

Closing Prayer

Leader: Jesus is the light of the world. As his followers we are called to receive his light and carry him into the darkness of today. Watch the light grow as each of us receives the light of Christ.

**Congregation: We pray that you will use us to be your light in the world as we go out from this Christmas eve service tonight, for we pray in Jesus name.**

3 fold Amen

**Thank you**

Larry and Christine Victory and family wish to thank everyone for the cards, donations and support received on the passing of our Son-in-law, Kevin. We all really appreciate the kind sentiments. Thank you.

**MEMORIALS**

**To Current Fund**

In memory of Silvie & Catherine Mingarelli, sons Charles, Henry, Danny; daughters Marion, Diana, Elsie, Sylvia, Maxine from Mabel Rice

In memory of my family -MacLeod- Georgeo, Mamie, John, Evelyn, George, and Margaret Ferguson from Frances (MacLeod) McClure.

**To Choir Fund**

In memory of Kathleen Reid from Eileen MacLean