

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, December 4th, 2022
Second Sunday in Advent



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

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 118

Hark the glad sound

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Isaiah 9:1-7

Responsive Psalm 29

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent: The Candle of
Peace

(Lighting Litany led by Judy & Rod Munroe)

Hymn #119

Peace is a ribbon

(verse 2)

N.T. Epistle Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22

N. T. Gospel Lesson Luke 2:8-15

Special Music

Message

Prince of peace

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn # 139

Hark! the herald angels sing

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #133

Go tell it on the mountain

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Gary Grant. Reading are Carol Ferguson and Todd Gouthro.

Reading next week are Ben Furey and Gwen Shepard.

To Camp MacLeod

In memory of parents Rod and Florence Munroe from Roddie and Judy Munroe.

To Current Fund

In memory of Miles MacDonald from Kim & Donnie Brown

The evening at 7pm Christmas Memorial Hymn Sing.

Saturday, December 10th Christmas Market at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Glace Bay on from 10 until noon. Home baking, preserves, books, clothing, and lots of "new to you treasures."

Thank you

John Geddie AMS would like to sincerely thank those from our congregation who contributed to our fund raiser for the Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program. With your help \$545.00 has been donated to this worthy cause. Thank you.

This month's meeting of the John Geddie AMS will be held at the home of Susan Jessen at 2:00pm on **December 15th.**

Winter is approaching and winter storms may make it necessary to cancel Sunday Services for safety reasons. If the Sunday morning weather is inclement, and you wonder if the Service is cancelled please call the Church Office phone number, 902 562-3740 and check the voicemail. If the service is cancelled, there will be a notice of the cancellation on the voicemail by 9:00 AM. You may also check the Church website at bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca in the Messages section.

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

“Where is God in all of this oppression and injustice?” Upon hearing the anguished cries of Palestinian Christians, Palestinian clergy felt it was crucial to respond pastorally and remind them that God is the God of justice, the God who cares about the oppressed. These Christians need God’s hope. In 1989, Palestinian Christian theologians developed a theology that could be shared with fellow Palestinian believers. This led to the establishment of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement. **Presbyterians Sharing supports Sabeel and Director, Omar Haramy, in standing with the oppressed, working for justice and engaging in peacebuilding.**

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent) Give us peace in our relationships, homes, churches, communities and in our souls, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

Monday, December 5 We pray for Omar Haramy, Director of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, and Palestinian Christians as they work for justice and engage in peacebuilding.

Tuesday, December 6 Today marks 33 years since the École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal, Quebec. On this day in 1989, 14 women were killed and other women,

as well as men, were wounded. We pray for healing and comfort for all who lost loved ones that day and for an end to the misogyny that leads to gender-based violence.

Wednesday, December 7 We pray for the development and implementation of stronger laws and policies that protect women and their rights.

Thursday, December 8 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Friday, December 9 We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee, which meets this month at the national office of the PCC.

Saturday, December 10 (Human Rights Day) We pray for individuals and organizations defending human rights in Canada and around the world. We pray for their safety and the safety of those they support and protect.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

- 1** Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2** **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

- 3** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**
- 5** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7** The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; he LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**
- 9** The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.**
- 11** The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.