

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, January 1st, 2023
Epiphany 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.

To Benevolent Fund

- In loving memory of grandfather Leslie Mouland from Lucie and Madelyn March
- In memory of Hazel Kozera from Roy & Nancy MacDonald
- In memory of Tom & Pearl Dicks from son David

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

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith. **Together, we continue Christ's ministry by engaging in vibrant and faithful ministries in our communities, our country and around the world.** Together, we call for justice and act with compassion. We support ministries with Indigenous people, both in and outside Canada. We send

mission staff to accompany international partners. We support ministries that provide aid for refugees, people involved in the sex trade and all who are vulnerable to exploitation. We start and build new faith communities and encourage and support congregations renewing their ministries. Together, we are making a difference. Together, we are Presbyterians Sharing!

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day) We give thanks for the start of a new year. May God give us hope, joy and peace for the year ahead.

Monday, January 2 We give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

Tuesday, January 3 We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families.

Wednesday, January 4 We give thanks and pray for Bishop István Csűry of the Királyhágómellék District of the Reformed Church in Romania as he retires after 12 years of faithful service.

Thursday, January 5 We give thanks for the many contributions of migrant workers in Canada. We pray that decision makers will support legislation that opens pathways to permanent residency for migrant workers as well as better protection of their rights.

Friday, January 6 (Epiphany) Source of Wisdom and Creator of the heavens who led the Magi to worship the Christ child, guide us so that we may find our calling and journey's end in Jesus Christ.

Saturday, January 7 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Newfoundland.