

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, January 8th, 2023
First Sunday after Epiphany



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 #177 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsive Psalm 130

N.T. Epistle Lesson Ephesians 4:1-6; 5:8-14

N. T. Gospel Lesson John 1:1-14

Special Music

Message The light of Christ gives us hope

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #349 My hope is built on nothing less

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 Richard MacAulay and Catherine Sneddon.

Reading next week are Elizabeth Matheson and Chris McCall.

Winter Communion Services will be held on **Sunday, February 19th**.

The Kirk Session would like to thank the congregation of Bethel for their generous support of the "Coins for Camp MacLeod" campaign. In 2022, \$2,004.55 was raised through the jars for Camp MacLeod.

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

Adau Maduok Dut lives in South Sudan with her four children. Struggling to make ends meet after her husband left the family, **Adau's life improved after receiving assistance through a project, supported by Presbyterian World**

Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, that provides food packages to struggling families in South Sudan. "I knew immediately that my children would not have to suffer again since we had food and were equipped with the seeds and tools to start a fresh life," Adau said.

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, January 8 (Baptism of the Lord) Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Monday, January 9 We give thanks and pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that are responding to poverty, hunger and other emergency situations around the world.

Tuesday, January 10 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, January 11 We pray for the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, serving as clerk for the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Thursday, January 12 We pray for people, businesses and communities in Atlantic Canada who have suffered as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Fiona.

Friday, January 13 We pray for the P.E.I. Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society as members plan for their upcoming Presbyterial Service. May this be a time to meet and grow in relationship with God.

Saturday, January 14 We pray for people living in refugee camps and those whose homelands have been afflicted by violence and war. We pray for peace, understanding and safety.