

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Second 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 #699                      All the way my Saviour leads me

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament              Isaiah 40:28-31

Responsive Reading      Philippians 2:4-11

Hymn #675                      In the bulb there is a flower

N.T. Epistle Lesson        2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

N. T. Gospel Lesson        Matthew 9:35-38

Special Music                Ask of Me

*by Mary Martin & Douglas Nolan*

Message                        "Wounded Healers"

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #399                      Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #740                      Make me a channel of your peace

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

## **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Rev. Allan MacLellan. Reading are Richard MacAulay and Chris McCall.

**Reading next week** are Charles Nicholson and Dennis MacIntyre.

### **To Current Fund**

In loving memory of my friend Kathleen (Kay) Reid from Thelma MacKillop

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** Members of the John Geddie Auxiliary of the AMS will meet in the Shaw Room at 2pm.

**Winter Communion Services** will be held on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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](http://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**

Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China views the island as a renegade province and has exercised political and military powers to isolate it internationally. In 2018, due to the rising geopolitical tensions, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan established the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) and invited ecumenical and church partners to journey with them in pursuit of justice and peace for the people of Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific. **The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, PCC representative on the TEF Steering Group, encourages members of the church to pray, learn and advocate for justice for Taiwan.** Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC stands in solidarity with Taiwan.

## **Prayer Calendar**

**Sunday, January 15** As geopolitical tensions over Taiwan grow, we pray for justice and peace for Taiwan and its people who are living with the threat of invasion and the possibility of war.

**Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)** Give us the strength and courage, O God, to live out the dream that one day freedom will ring for all your beloved children.

**Tuesday, January 17** We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

**Wednesday, January 18** We pray for the Francisco Coll School in Guatemala, supported by the PCC through Presbyterian World Service & Development, and we give thanks for the dedicated teachers who work hard to ensure a quality education and a better future for underprivileged children in Guatemala.

**Thursday, January 19** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

**Friday, January 20** We pray for the ministry of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland, as the congregation grows in outreach to their neighbours with the love of Christ.

**Saturday, January 21** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

## **Responsive Reading from Philippians 2:4-11**

**L – Leader      P – People**

*L -Look not to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

***P -Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!***

*L -Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.*

***ALL - So at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen!***