

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, January 22nd, 2023
Third 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 #650 He leadeth me

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Isaiah 53:5-11

Responsive Reading John 14:1-6

Hymn #672 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

N.T. Epistle Lesson 1-John 5:10-13

N. T. Gospel Lesson Jude 1-2

Special Music A Servant's Heart

by Shayla Blake/arr. Mary McDonald

Message "Called, Chosen and Loved"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #400 Spirit of the living God

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #592 I, the Lord of sea and sky

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 Charles Nicholson and Joyce MacDougall.

Reading next week are David Sneddon and Todd Gouthro.

To Choir Fund

In memory of Donnie Musgrave from Austin, Bryceson, Mariah and Tori

To Benevolent Fund

In memory of Donnie Musgrave from Joyce, Brent, Alison and Jeff

To Current Fund

In memory of Hazel Kozera from Margie MacLeod

Session will meet Tuesday, January 31st at 7pm by Zoom.

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

Groups submitting reports for the Annual Reports/Meeting should have them sent to the church office by March 10th bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com.

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

In Nepal, 51-year-old Lahia Tharu was suffering from a numb left foot. Lahia first sought help from a traditional healer—a practice common in rural Nepal. When the condition of her foot did not improve, she went to a nearby hospital. Tests confirmed that Lahia had leprosy and referred her to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. There, she received medication and treatment and was sent home to recover. **Reflecting upon her experience, Lahia said that she is “thankful and happy for the treatment that was provided at Shining Hospital.”**

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, January 22 We pray for the medical staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses with support

from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Monday, January 23 Eternal God, wake us up to your glory in the world; stir in us delight and help us overcome despair through your assurance that it is not all up to us.

Tuesday, January 24 We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister.

Wednesday, January 25 We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Thursday, January 26 We give thanks for the many gifts that LGBTQI2+ people bring to the church's mission and ministry.

Friday, January 27 We pray for congregations as they prepare and gather for their annual meetings.

Saturday, January 28 We pray for people in rural and remote congregations and communities across the country.

Responsive Reading from John Chapter 1

L- Leader

P-People

L- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P- **There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.**

L- The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

P- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Responsive Reading John 14:1-6

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.