

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, February 12th
Sixth 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 #371 Love divine, all loves excelling

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Responsive Psalm 107:1-15

Hymn #706 Come, let us sing

N.T. Epistle Lesson 1 John 4:7-12

N. T. Gospel Lesson John 15:9-17

Special Music Blessed are you

by Mary McDonald and Janice Akers

Message Love each other

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #499 Tell me the old, old story

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

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 Donald Brown and Richard Dulvy.

Reading next week are Carol Ferguson and Linda Greaves.

To Loaves & Fishes

In memory of Martha Delores MacQueen (Joan Richardson's sister) from Roy & Nancy MacDonald

To Sunday School Fund

In memory of Garfield Ross from Donnie & Kim Brown

To Camp MacLeod

In memory of Stewart Morris from wife Betty, daughter Joyce and grandsons Nathan and Ryan

To Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Hazel Kozera and Garfield Ross from Heather & Ben Furey
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Brad & Angie Gillespie

To Current Fund

- In memory of Garfield Ross from Sandra MacLeod and Flossie MacLean
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Gordon & Wendy Ferguson
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Janice and Karen Mudge

On **Thursday, February 16th** members of John Geddie AMS will meet at 2:00 pm in the Shaw Room.

Winter Communion Services will be held **next 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 many small rural communities in Ghana, lay preachers, evangelists and catechists play a crucial role. Under the

direction of a district minister, who has many congregations under their care, lay leaders provide much-needed spiritual leadership. While they share a deep commitment to their call to ministry and service in the church, many have not received formal theological training. **To equip these lay leaders with tools for effective ministry, the helpful Presbyterian Church Ghana established three Lay Training Centres (Tamale, Ramseyer and Nsaba), which receive support through Presbyterians of Sharing.**

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, February 12 We pray for wisdom and strength for lay leaders of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana who provide spiritual leadership in small rural communities.

Monday, February 13 We pray for congregations exploring ways to better support and include LGBTQI2+ people and their loved ones within their communities.

Tuesday, February 14 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Thursday, February Wednesday, February 15 (Black History Month) We pray for systemic change that eradicates anti-Black racism and builds a society that prioritizes the well-being and advancement of Black Canadians.

Friday, February 16 We pray for congregations that may be experiencing conflict and give thanks for the presbyteries assisting and guiding them.

Friday, February 17 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

Saturday, February 18 We pray for people around the world who are facing severe hunger, and we give thanks for the food assistance provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development and their partners, with support from the PCC.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,**

³those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.**

⁵They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

⁶**Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

⁷He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

⁸**Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,**

⁹ for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

¹⁰ Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness, prisoners suffering in iron chains,

¹¹ because they rebelled against God's commands and despised the plans of the Most High.

¹² So he subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help.

¹³ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains.

¹⁵ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,