

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, February 19th
Transfiguration 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn #26 As pants the hart

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Exodus 12:43-51

Responsive Psalm 16

Hymn # 499 Tell me the old, old story

N.T. Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

N. T. Gospel Lesson Luke 22:14-23

Special Music Grace Alone

by Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson/arr. by Tom Fettke

Sermon Until He comes again

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #746 What a friend we have in Jesus

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy

Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn #543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee (vs.1-3)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #543 Too soon we rise (vs. 4-7)

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday as we celebrate Communion. Leading the service this morning is Rev. Ritchie Robinson. Reading are Carol Ferguson and Linda Greaves.

Reading next week are Ben Furey and Catherine Sneddon.

To Current Fund

- In memory of Garfield Ross from Eileen MacNeil
- In memory of Garfield Ross from George & Susan Jessen

To Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Garfield Ross from Diane & Fred Lynk
- In memory of Martha MacQueen from Ben & Heather Furey

To Loaves and Fishes

In memory of Martha Delores MacQueen (Joan Richardson's sister) from Eileen MacLean

On recommendation of the Search Committee, the Session has invited a minister to preach for a Call on **Sunday, March 5**. Please make every effort to be present for this important event in the life of Bethel.

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

Climate change, conflict and COVID-19 have combined to create a global food crisis where 50 million people in 45 countries suffer from acute hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is responding in South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia—countries where hunger needs are worsening daily. This crisis has disproportionately adverse effects on women and girls, who make up 60% of those affected by food insecurity. Without proper nutrition, women can experience higher mortality rates for themselves and their children. **With support from the church, PWS&D distributes food packages with essential nourishing items and provides families with cash assistance, helping ensure that families are fed.**

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, February 19 (Transfiguration Sunday) God of Glory, whose son was wonderfully transfigured, give us the strength to hear and ponder the good news of his life, death and resurrection.

Monday, February 20 (World Day of Social Justice) We give thanks for human rights defenders who work to protect the rights, safety and dignity of all people.

Tuesday, February 21 We pray for the Knox College community during Winter Reading Week (February 20–24).

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday) Loving God, you hate nothing you have made, and your grace knows no bounds. You created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Create in us clean hearts and turn us around to follow you more nearly.

Thursday, February 23 (Black History Month) We pray for Black Canadian women and youth organizations, and we give thanks for the many ways these organizations promote equality, human rights and inclusiveness.

Friday, February 24 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Saturday, February 25 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 16

¹Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”**

³I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”

⁴**Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.**

⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.