

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, February 26th
First Sunday in Lent



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 Exodus 23:20-23

Responsive Psalm 103

N. T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11

Anthem If I Had Been

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Message Have you ever met an angel?

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #389 Breathe on me, breath of God

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #699 All the way my Saviour leads me

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Roy Webber. Reading are Ben Furey and Catherine Sneddon.

Reading next week are Brad Gillespie and Chris McCall.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lucy & Russell MacKinnon on the passing of Russell's brother Simon.

To Benevolent Fund

In memory of Garfield Ross from Harold & Lynn Gillespie

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.

Saturday, March 11 at 1:30–3:30 pm. Join us in the Hall for a March Break Family Fun afternoon. Bouncy house, games, food and fun.

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

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Newcomers Mission has faithfully been providing assistance and spiritual care to newly arrived immigrants and refugees in Peterborough, Ontario, and the surrounding area since 2016. In recent months, the Newcomers Mission has expanded to offer a Ukrainian gathering program that has reached over 40 Ukrainians who fled to Canada because of the war in their country. It provides a place of belonging and care for people living through very difficult and vulnerable situations. Many have turned to this ministry for friendly conversation over a warm meal, assistance accessing services, as well as spiritual support and prayer. Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the church is helping to “welcome the stranger.”

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, February 26 (First Sunday in Lent) We pray that we may know the Spirit's blessing blowing in us and through us, so that we may live out what is required of us: to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

Monday, February 27 We give thanks and pray for the Newcomers Mission in Peterborough, Ontario, providing newly arrived immigrants and refugees with support, care and a sense of belonging in Canada.

Tuesday, February 28 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, March 1 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

Thursday, March 2 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Quebec.

Friday, March 3 (World Day of Prayer) On this day, we pray as Jesus prayed "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). We pray for our siblings in Christ throughout the world, and that we may all be one in proclaiming the good news in word and deed in this weary world.

Saturday, March 4 We pray for God's guidance for students studying at the PCC's theological colleges—The Presbyterian College (Montreal, Quebec), Knox College (Toronto, Ontario) and St. Andrew's Hall/Vancouver School of Theology (British Columbia).

Responsive Reading – Psalm 103 NIV

1 Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2 Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

15 The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;

16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

17 But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

19 The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

21 Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

22 Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.

