

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, February 5th,
Fifth 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 # 39 God of mercy, God of grace

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsive Psalm 80

Hymn # 434 For the beauty of the earth

N.T. Lesson John 1:14-18

N. T. Lesson John 15:1-8

Special Music Behold the Risen Lamb

arr. by Tom Fettke

Message Are you connected?

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn # 681 We have heard a joyful sound

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn # 350 To God be the glory

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 Larry Victory and Gwen Shepard.

Reading next week are Donald Brown and Richard Dulvy.

To Sunday School

- In memory of Garfield Ross from Roy & Nancy MacDonald
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Kathy Hardy
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Geraldine and Lylah MacLeod

To Current Fund

- In memory of Garfield Ross from Sharon McKay
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Margie MacLeod
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Joyce MacDougall
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Joan & Gary Grant
- In memory of Garfield Ross, father of Myrna and Linda Ross, from Don & Pat Munroe
- In memory of Garfield Ross from Carol Catchpaugh

To Benevolent Fund

In loving memory of Joan Jessome from Geraldine and Lylah MacLeod

Strawberry Shortcake Takeout at St. Paul's, Glace Bay, on **Friday, February 10th** from 11 am to 2 pm. Reserve tickets by calling 902 849 2479 or 902 737 2529. \$10.

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

For over 75 years, Presbyterian World Service & Development has faithfully responded to serve those in need around the world. Together with our partners, we are making a positive difference. We are working together to care for the poor, sick and vulnerable, helping restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all. As people of faith, we are responding to Christ's call to walk with the distressed and marginalized, and work towards equality, human dignity, peace and care for God's creation. United, we are working towards a world that is sustainable, compassionate and just.

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, February 5 (PWS&D Sunday) We give thanks and pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs and partners empowering vulnerable communities and supporting abundant life.

Monday, February 6 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg in Nova Scotia.

Tuesday, February 7 We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

Wednesday, February 8 We honour in prayer the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024), and we give thanks for Black History Month events that honour and celebrate the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

Thursday, February 9 We pray for the people who gather at the Well Church in Mississauga, Ontario. We give thanks for the welcoming space this church plant provides for the third culture community.

Friday, February 10 We pray for the Rev. Lyton Kilowe—Assistant Synod Internal Auditor for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Blantyre Synod, in Malawi—as he pursues a Master’s in Business Administration.

Saturday, February 11 We pray that congregations work to preserve the collective history of our denomination by caring for their church records and congregational history.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80

¹Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth

²before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.

³Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

⁴How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smoulder against the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶You have made us an object of derision to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us.

⁷Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

⁸You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

¹²Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹³Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.

¹⁴Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine,

¹⁵the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁶Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.

¹⁷Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.