

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 26th, 2023
Fifth 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:

Hymn#384 O Breath of life,

Sacrament of Baptism

Invitation

Presentation and vows

The Act of Baptism

Hymn#582 May God's love be fixed above you

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O. T. Lesson: Psalm 23

N. T. Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

N.T. Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-18

Litany for Fifth Sunday in Lent

Anthem Jesus Died For Me

By Gary Lantz III & John Parker

Sermon Abundant Life, now

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #485 Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession (The Lord's Prayer)

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #696 In suffering love

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.
Leading the service this morning is Rev. Corrie Stewart.

Reading scriptures are Elizabeth Matheson and Arun Daniel Ravindran. Lent reading will be read by Joyce MacDougall. Being received through the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is Stella Claire Furey, daughter of Cheryl Dawn Barrie & Benedict Furey; and Myra Elise Gouthro, daughter of Shannon McCall & Mark Gouthro.

Reading next week are Richard MacAulay and Annie Rebecca Arun Daniel, and Heather Furey will be doing the Lent reading.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Merle Davis who passed away last week. Funeral was held at Sydney Memorial Chapel on Wednesday.

Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Ann Michele "Mitzie" Fogarty from Ben & Heather Furey.
- In memory of Merle Davis from Iylah MacLeod & family.
- In memory of Merle Davis from Geraldine MacLeod & family.
- In memory of Merle Davis from Darlene Peters and Louis Jessome (son and daughter of Joan Jessome).

Current Fund

- In memory of Ann Michele Fogarty from Ivan & Linda Henderson
- In memory of Ann Michele "Mitzie" Fogarty from Gordon Gillespie

Sunday School Easter Egg Memorial: On Easter Sunday the Sunday school will be placing brightly coloured Easter eggs

in a basket in memory of loved ones at the front of the Church. The names of those being remembered will also be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To purchase a memorial egg please put the names of those being remembered, and by whom, along with \$5.00 per name and your envelope # or address for an income tax receipt. Please mark on envelope, Sunday school Easter Memorial. Place it on the collection plate or give to Linda Ross. We would like the donations in by April 2. The Sunday school children will also be doing a short program on Easter Sunday.

Camp MacLeod is looking for staff for the 2023 summer camp. If you are interested or know of someone, contact Sandra MacLeod 902 539 2467 or look up the website.

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.

Mission Moment

In Haiti, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is supporting farmers and their families. As a farmer, 62-year-old Emmanuel Joseph has experienced changes to his land for decades. When Emmanuel joined a farmer's collective supported by PWS&D in 2013, he began learning conservation agriculture practices like composting and crop rotation. Now, Emmanuel's garden produces more and better food year-round, and his wife is able to bring produce to the market to sell. Projects focusing on food security benefit farmers and their loved ones by providing

education and resources to help achieve better food security and address the impacts of climate change—both now and in the future.

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, March 26 (Fifth Sunday in Lent) We pray for marginalized people, and for the wisdom to learn and grow in God's love of all people, so that we may not exclude anyone from our circle of care.

Monday, March 27 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that are helping farmers in Haiti combat the impacts of climate change and achieve better food security for their families.

Tuesday, March 28 We pray for Women's Missionary Society synodicals as they prepare for their annual meetings in April, and for WMS presbyterials and groups as they continue to engage in mission.

Wednesday, March 29 We thank God for calling people to helping professions. May God guide and empower them as they prepare for this important work.

Thursday, March 30 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Friday, March 31 On **Transgender Day of Visibility**, we pray for the safety, dignity and well-being of all transgender people.