

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 5th
Second 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

Responsive Call to Worship:

Into life's challenges and questions comes the Mystery of God,

and God's truth opens our eyes.

Into our routines and rituals walks the presence of Christ.

and God's love brings healing and hope.

Into our traditions and conclusions blows the wind of the Spirit,

and God's people are born from above.

We gather in Jesus' name to encounter God's grace and glory.

Let us worship God with open hearts and minds.

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

Hymn # 674

In the bulb there is a flower

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O. T. Lesson:

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Responsive Psalm:

Psalms 121

Litany for Second Sunday in Lent

Children's Hymn #348

Tell me the stories of Jesus

Children. Story

N. T. Gospel Lesson:

Mark 4: 35-41

Anthem

He was wounded

by Gordon Young

Message:

"Have Hope and Keep Faith"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #744

Will your anchor hold

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #689

Simply trusting every day

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading Scriptures are Brad Gillespie and Linda Greaves. Carol Ferguson will be reading the Lent Reading.

WELCOME BACK! We are grateful that we are able to return to worshipping in the sanctuary. There will be a coffee fellowship in the hall following the service.

Reading next week are Richard MacAulay and Eileen MacNeil.

To Benevolent Fund

In memory of Pearl Dicks from son David

To Sunday School Fund

In memory of Garfield Ross from Ada MacIntosh

Special Congregational Meeting: The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting in response to our Candidate's preaching for a Call to Bethel for Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our Congregation.

Thanks from Finance and Maintenance Committee: The Committee extends its thanks to those who volunteered to clean the church in preparation for our return to worshipping in the sanctuary.

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

Any Groups that haven't yet submitted reports for the Annual Reports/Meeting should have them sent to the church office by **Friday, March 10th** bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com.

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.

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. The north side (Left side as you enter the sanctuary) has every second pew closed off to provide separation for persons with concerns re distancing.

Also, the offering plates will continue to be located just inside the doors of the sanctuary for now.

Mission Moment

In Pakistan, Gauri learned how to cut and sew at an early age. As an adult, this knowledge allowed Gauri to contribute to her family's income by working as a seamstress. After her husband was killed in an accident, Gauri's income was not enough to provide for her family on her own. **Gauri was selected for a Presbyterian World Service & Development project that provides emergency food assistance to families in need, as well as longer-term support through small business training and development.** The food aid the family received made it possible for Gauri to save a portion of her monthly income that would have otherwise been spent on food. With the money she saved, Gauri was able to

further her child's education and stock her tailoring shop with more materials.

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, March 5 (Second Sunday in Lent) Dear God, help us to order our lives in faithful obedience to you so that we may come to know our weaknesses and appreciate your grace at work in our lives.

Monday, March 6 We pray for people around the world who are striving to rise above poverty with educational opportunities and livelihood support through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, March 7 We pray for the members and work of the Women's Missionary Society.

Wednesday, March 8 On **International Women's Day**, we give thanks for women. We pray for true gender equality and for an end to the violence that has marked the lives of too many women.

Thursday, March 9 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that are breaking barriers to gender equality by empowering women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.

Friday, March 10 We pray for women living in Palestine who are suffering sorrow and heartache as they struggle to hold their families together in times of violence and oppression.

Saturday, March 11 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal in Quebec.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 121 NIV

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;

8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.