

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, April 23rd, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter



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 #290 Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O. T. Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Responsive Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

L- Leader

P- People

L - For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

P - Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

All - Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Hymn #324 Great is thy faithfulness

Children's Story

N. T. Epistle Lesson: James 4:13-17

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34

Psalm : 90:1-17
Solo: Ben Furey
Message: "Teach us the number of our days!"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #699 All the way my Saviour leads me
Offering & Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn#461 Be thou my vision
Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service this morning is Rev. Allan MacLellan. Reading scriptures are Donald Brown and Gwen Shepard.

Reading next week are members of the John Geddie AMS.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Christine Nicholson who passed away Thursday. Funeral service will be held at Pier Community Funeral Home.

Committal Service

There will be no funeral service for Edward MacPherson. Anyone who wishes to attend his graveside committal service is welcome to gather on Wednesday, May 17th at 1pm at Forest Haven Memorial Gardens. Bob Lyle will be conducting the graveside service.

Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Christine Nicholson from Sharon Morrison

- In memory of Edward MacPherson from Donna Lee and Philip MacLeod
- In memory of Byron MacLeod from Brad & Angie Gillespie.
- In memory of Christine Nicholson from Brad & Angie Gillespie

Session will meet on **Tuesday, April 25th** at 7pm via Zoom.

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 Malawi, poor, overused soil and low rainfall have made it difficult for Elena to farm her fields. As a single mother, Elena is the breadwinner of her family. A healthy crop yield is essential to her livelihood and being able to provide for them, so **Elena decided to participate in a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project, which taught farmers conservation agriculture techniques to conserve and improve their soil and better retain moisture.** “My yields improved immediately in the second season. I plan to extend the cultivation area with the manure application and hope to have a good crop stand. This will increase access to food for my family and to financial resources to cater to other basic household needs,” said Elena. Today, she teaches fellow farmers in her community about the benefits of conservation agriculture.