

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Fifth 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 #374                      Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O. T. Lesson:                      Deuteronomy 5:1-22

Responsive Psalm:    119:89-104

Children's Story

N.T. Gospel Lesson:    Matthew 7:1-12

Anthem                              Easter Angel Song            *by Cindy Berry*

Message:                              Shouldn't it be easy to be a Christian?

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #389                      Breathe on me, breath of God

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #375                      Fairest Lord Jesus

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 scriptures are Beth Matheson and Richard Dulvy.

**Reading next week** are Ben Furey and Catherine Sneddon.

### **To Sunday School Fund**

In memory of Christine Nicholson from Linda & Myrna Ross

### **To Choir Fund**

In memory of Christine Nicholson from Mervin MacLeod

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Christine Nicholson and Merle Davis from Kathy Hardy
- In memory of Christine Nicholson from John & Beth Matheson
- In memory of Christine Nicholson from Joyce MacDougall
- In memory of Christine Nicholson and Ed MacPherson from Catherine & David Sneddon

**Worship in Hall:** The walls on the Brookland St side of the church and the ceiling damaged by Fiona will be repainted resulting in us meeting for church in the hall on May 21, 28 and June 4. Also note that the Sacrament of Communion will be observed during the service on June 4 in the hall.

### **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 Guatemala, Amalia López Pérez de Coronado is a member of a women's group that engages in discussions about oppression, marginalization and violence against women. **With the support of Presbyterian World Service &**

**Development and local partner, AMMID, the group hosts workshops that promote women’s empowerment by teaching women about their rights, including their right to participate in decision-making structures at both the community and municipal levels.** Through these workshops, Amalia has gained a sense of confidence that has allowed her to participate fully and freely in many different organizations. She’s also inspired other women in her community to do the same. Expressing her gratitude for the organizations that make these initiatives possible, Amalia affirmed, “I am grateful to AMMID for supporting women.”