

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



**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

Hymn #30                      God is our refuge and our strength

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O. T. Lesson:                      Malachi 3:6-12

Responsive Psalm:    103:1-9

Hymn #499                      Tell me the old, old story

Children                      The Lord's Prayer

Sunday School presentation for Father's Day

N.T. Gospel Lesson:    Luke 15:11-32

Anthem                      Spirit of the living God

*by Daniel Iverson/arr. by Malcolm Kogut*

Message:                      The Prodigal Father

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #209                      O love that wilt not let me go

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #651                      Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

## Announcements

We invite everyone to this service of praise at Bethel, both in person and online. If you are with us for the first time, welcome to our church family. We have been having a number of students from overseas attending our services for some time and to you too we extend a warm greeting. You are already part of our family. Leading the service this morning is David Sneddon. Reading scriptures are Elizabeth Matheson and Joyce MacDougall.

**Next week:** Leading the service will be Gary Grant. Readings will be done by Charles Nicholson and Arun Daniel Ravindran.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Duncan & Greta MacLeod and family on the passing of Duncan's brother John Murdock on Wednesday.

**Thanks** to all who participated in the Family Fun Day yesterday.

### To Camp MacLeod

- In loving memory of a dear Dad, Grandfather and Great Grandfather, Earl MacLeod, from sons, Michael, David, Earl and daughters, Iylah, Joyce, Heather and their families.
- In loving remembrance of my Dad, Michael MacGillivray, from daughter, Geraldine MacLeod and family.
- In loving memory of a wonderful Husband and Father, Byron MacLeod from wife Iylah, daughters Amy and Deanna, sons in law, Darren and Walter.

- In memory of our Fathers Duncan MacQueen and Clifford Penny from Wayne & Mary Penny

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of my Father John Angus McLeod from Margie MacLeod
- In memory of Henry Gillespie from son Gordon and family.
- In memory of Kyle MacKillop from Kathy Hardy
- In memory of Duncan MacQueen and Glendon Hardy from Kathy Hardy

**Sunday School** will have their closing on **June 25<sup>th</sup>** for the summer. The Sunday School Teachers would like to thank the parents and grandparents for faithfully taking these sweet little children, whom we have grown to love and adore, to be with us each Sunday. We hope that everyone has a safe, happy summer and we look forward to being with them in September as we walk this journey of faith and love together.

### **Camp MacLeod**

This year, with food prices rising, Camp MacLeod will have to stretch its food budget further than in years past. If you are able, please consider donating the following non-perishable items:

spaghetti and sauce, kraft dinner, tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, juice powder, pizza sauce, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, salsa, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, granola bars, marshmallows, cake mixes, icing, jello, pudding, freezies, taco shells, rice, wraps.

Donations can be brought to the Camp Commissioning service or left in the vestibule at the front of the church.

Camp Commissioning Service will be held on July 2, 2023 at 2:30 at Union Presbyterian Church, Albert Bridge.  
Rev. Peter MacDonald Camp Committee Convenor.

### **The Worship and Nurture and Program Committees**

are considering having a fellowship hour during the summer starting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing every week for the summer. Volunteers are needed for this to happen. Only cookies will be served (these can be purchased by the church (unless the volunteer would like to bake). Instead of tea and coffee a cold drink would be served. This would make things easier during the summer months, and we can possibly go back to tea and coffee in the fall. The volunteer would be responsible to prepare and serve the cold drink, put the cookies on the table and clean up after. If you would like to volunteer to do a Sunday this summer, you can call Linda Ross at 902-562-2962.

### **Mission Moment**

**Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM) is an outreach ministry supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing that welcomes and embraces all people living in downtown Winnipeg, Manitoba.** WICM works towards healing and reconciliation and provides temporary housing, employment services, as well as programming for children and youth. The staff and volunteers of WICM work tirelessly to provide a safe, inclusive space that inspires lifelong learning and building social and personal well-being for all people in the community. WICM recently welcomed Beverly Burkard as its new executive director. Beverly is a welcome addition to WICM, bringing with her an extensive background working with charitable and non-profit organizations, including Sage Journey, Agape Table and Red Road Lodge.