

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, July 9<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 (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn #638

Take time to be holy

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O. T. Lesson:            Isaiah 49:13-16

Responsive Lesson    Ephesians 2:4-10:

**Leader** – But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions- it is by grace you have been saved.

**People** – And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

**All** – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

N.T. Epistle Lesson:    John 14:1-6

N.T. Gospel Lesson:    Revelation 22:1-7

Solo:

Face to face with Christ    Walter Letcher  
*by Mrs. Frank A. Breck & Grant C. Tullar*

Message:

The journey back to Eden

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #634

Will you come and follow me

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

## **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #640

Softly and tenderly

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 Carol Ferguson and Annie Rebecca Arun Daniel. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. A table with albums of previous church groups and gatherings will be set up for anyone interested.

**Next week:** Leading the service will be David Sneddon. Readings will be done by Donald Brown and Kevin Joel Arun Daniel.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Edna MacKinnon and family on the passing of her son Fergus MacKinnon.

#### **To Camp MacLeod**

In memory of Kyle MacKillop from Benny & Heather Furey

#### **To Sunday School Fund**

In memory of Fergus MacKinnon from Myrna & Linda Ross

**Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** St. Columba Church, Marion Bridge, is having their annual Strawberry Festival from 3–6pm. Adults \$12, children \$6.

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** Friends are invited to attend the 90th birthday celebration for Carol (Farquhar) MacKinley at Bethel Church Hall, Brookland St. from 10–12pm Best Wishes only.

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** St Paul's, Glace Bay will be having a Strawberry Shortcake Sale, take out only, from 11:00am–1:30pm by ticket only for \$12. Please call 902– 849–2479 or 902–849–2529 to reserve tickets before July 14th.

**Shaw Fund Bursaries:** We are inviting applications this year from post-secondary students for bursaries from the Shaw Fund. Please submit your request to the Session by mail to Bethel Church or email [charles.greaves@gmail.com](mailto:charles.greaves@gmail.com). All applications should be submitted to be received by July 31, 2023.

## **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<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 at Union Presbyterian Church, Albert Bridge.

Rev. Peter MacDonald Camp Committee Convenor.

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

Volunteers are still needed for the fellowship hour after church. Cookies and a cold drink will be served. If you can help, please contact Linda Ross at 902 562 2962.

## **Mission Moment**

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides hope and assistance to refugees through social programming, sponsorship and raising awareness of refugee rights. The organization runs the popular "Twinning Program" that matches newly arrived refugeeed women with women living in Montreal. Through regular meetings and group activities, the "twins" create bonds of friendship and solidarity. The program helps to reduce isolation and overcome barriers that the women face in their day-to-day lives. Who are the people in your community that could benefit from having someone come alongside them in a supportive and empowering way?