

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, September 10th, 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 #420

Praise, I will praise you Lord

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Psalm: 23

Hymn #373 Jesus love me

Children's Story

N.T. Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-18

Solo Ten Thousand Angels Walter Letcher
by Ray Overholt

Message Strengthened for life

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 #651 Guide me O thou great Redeemer

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service is Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay. Reading today is Joyce MacDougall. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

Next Week: Leading the service will be Gary Grant. Readings will be done by David Sneddon and Arun Daniel Ravindran.

To Choir Fund

In memory of James Parago from Iylah MacLeod

Next Sunday, September 17: David Coull has been invited to Preach for a Christian Call to Bethel at 10:30am. He and his wife will be joining us at that time.

David has provided the following information about himself to help us get to know him when he comes to worship with us:

Originally hailing from Christchurch New Zealand, when I first moved to Canada, I was teaching secondary school chemistry. I then joined the Canadian Armed Forces and spent 15 years in the infantry. About five years before leaving the army, I began to have a series of conversations with our regimental padre as I began to perceive a call to ministry. With his support I began to move ahead with the necessary steps required to realize this call. It has been quite the journey, and now, here I am at Bethel, delighted to be given the opportunity to preach for the call. This journey has been very much a team effort, with numerous people accompanying me on the way, but I would specifically like to thank my lovely wife and best friend Joanne, who, no matter whether we are on horseback, listening to the trees in old growth forests on the west coast of Vancouver Island, or editing a seemingly endless string of assignments and essays, has always been there for me.

The Session and Search Committee will gather with David while he is here.

Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00pm: Session has called a congregational meeting in the church to consider extending a Call to David. Please plan to attend this important meeting and, if agreed by the congregation, the process of having the Call signed will begin at that time.

Thursday, September 21: The John Geddie Auxiliary of the Atlantic Mission Society will resume meeting at 2:00pm in the Shaw Room. New members are always welcome.

Sunday, October 1: We will be celebrating Communion with the Rev Dr Marion Barclay leading the service and serving at the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, November 5: Remembrance Day recognition will be part of our service and will include the laying of the Remembrance Wreath.

Sunday, November 19: Bethel will be celebrating our 97th Anniversary with the Rev Ritchie Robinson as our Anniversary Speaker.

The Worship and Nurture and Program Committee is looking for volunteers to look after the fellowship hour after church starting today, September 10th. The set up would be the same as during the summer except the volunteers would be responsible for making tea. If you are interested, please phone Linda Ross 902 562 2962.

Mission Moment

Pakistan is the world's third-largest refugee host country, accommodating over a million Afghans who fled their homes due to war, internal conflict, insecurity and persecution. The poorest refugees lack sufficient access to necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and health care. Another need expressed by Afghan refugees is for their children to be able to access schooling. PWS&D is responding to this need by providing a digital learning facility where Afghan refugee children and young women can access virtual education in place of traditional schools. The Digital Learning Center is one way of supporting those who have already lost so much. It is planting the seeds for current and future success for children and young women who would otherwise be entirely out of school.