

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, September 17th, 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 #670 Amazing grace

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson Genesis 50:15-21

Responsive Psalm: 32

Hymn #371 Love divine, all loves excelling

Children's Story

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Solo His eye is on the sparrow

by Charles H. Gabriel

Soloist: Mary Isabel MacDonald

Message What business are we all in?

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #740 Make me a channel of your peace
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #592 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.
Leading the service is David Coull. David has provided the

following information about himself to help us get to know him:

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 in the Sanctuary **this evening at 7pm.**

Reading today is David Sneddon and Arun Daniel Ravindran. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

Next Week: Leading the service will be Rev. Allan MacLellan. Readings will be done by Jennifer March and Annie Rebecca Arun Daniel.

To Sunday School Fund

In memory of Mona MacIntosh from Ada MacIntosh.

To Current Fund

In loving memory of Walter Hardy from Kathy Hardy.

This Week:

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. Please remember to bring your \$15.00 for our yearly expense fund/dues.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 29:

Ham and Salad Takeout. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, GB, from 11-1 and 3-4:30Ppm. Please reserve tickets by Monday, Sept. 25 by calling 902-737-2529 or 902-849-2479. Cost \$18.

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. 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

For the five congregations that comprise the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, 'church' goes well beyond someone's physical presence in the building on Sunday morning. Over the past year, they have asked themselves, "How do we reach out to those in our community and meet them where their needs are greatest?" Each congregation faces a wide diversity of social and economic challenge in their communities, including drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment and food insecurity. A common thread that unites their communities despite distance: people are searching for acceptance and help. The congregations are working to meet these needs through compassion and care.