

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, September 24th, 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 #350 To God be the glory

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 1:17-19

Responsive Psalm: 103

L--The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

P- He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

L- he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

P - For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

L- as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

P- As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

ALL- for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. Amen!

Hymn #707 More love to Thee

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:1-15

N.T. Gospel Lesson: John 8:3-11

Special Music

Message Forgetting what is behind

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #640 Softly and tenderly
(Please remain standing for the offering)
Offering & Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #774 God forgave my sin
Benediction and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service is Rev. Allan MacLellan. Reading today is Jennifer March and Annie Rebecca Arun Daniel. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

Next Week: Leading the service will be Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay. Readings will be done by Donald Brown and Kevin Joel Arun Daniel.

To Current Fund:

In memory of May Wilson (Scotland) from Catherine & David Sneddon.

As a result of the Congregational Meeting on Wednesday it has been decided to extend a Call to David Coull. If you weren't at the meeting to sign your name, then your district elder will be in touch with you to do so.

Tuesday, September 26: Session will meet in the church at 7:00pm.

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.

Next 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.

Coins for Camp MacLeod jars have been placed at the entrance of the church. Last year \$2,004.55 was raised through the "Coins for Camp MacLeod" jars. Camp MacLeod appreciates the congregation's support in this worthy campaign.

Mission Moments

New church development. Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, a time to celebrate the impact our church's mission and ministry programs are having across Canada and around the world. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action.