

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, October 15<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 #466

Praise the Lord

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                    Isaiah 43:1-11

Responsive Psalm:    8

L Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***P - You have set your glory in the heavens. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place***

L -What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

***P - You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.***

L - You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

***ALL - Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!***

Hymn #631

Jesus' hands were kind hands

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson:    1 Peter 1:1-9

N.T. Gospel Lesson:    John 14:1-7

Anthem:

Blessed Are You

*by Mary McDonald & Janice Akers*

Message:

When you pass through the waters

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #400 Spirit of the living God  
(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  
Benediction and Choral Amen  
Postlude

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service is Rev. Allan MacLellan. Reading today are Ben Furey and Richard Dulvy. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Sandra MacLeod at the Main Door and Ben Furey at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Leading the service will be Rev. Allan MacLellan. Readings will be done by Brad Gillespie and Linda Greaves.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Anne Gallivan and family in the passing of her brother Wayne MacAskill. Wayne's funeral was held on Friday, October 13.

### **To Current Fund**

In memory of Charles Penny from Linda & Ivan Henderson

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

In memory of Charles Penny from Eileen MacLean

**Thank you** to all who prepared the food and participated in the lunch & social on Thanksgiving Monday.

**The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces** is meeting in New Glasgow on October 16 to 18. Please keep these meetings and those travelling to attend in your Prayers this week.

**Thursday, October 19:** John Geddie AMS will meet in the Shaw Room at 2pm. We are reminded that it is time to renew our Message subscription (\$15.00).

**The Session** has met to receive information regarding the Congregation's Call to David Coull and feels there is sufficient support to proceed with the Call. An emergency meeting of the Presbytery has been called for **Monday, October 23** to consider forwarding the Call.

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

**Saturday, November 18:** An Anniversary turkey supper will be held in the Hall at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased from Linda Ross 562-2962, Sandra MacLeod 539-2467 or Kathy Hardy 562-8578.

**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**

The hardening of the US sanctions and the global financial crisis are contributing to a shortage of food, fuel, clean water and medicine in Cuba. With partners’ support, the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas carries on, providing high quality, diversified theological education, and serving the community through diaconal projects. In 2022, the PCC helped improve the infrastructure for hybrid teaching and assisted with the renovation to the library and the Historical Archive. The Rev. Dr. Carlos Ham, Rector, shared at the 2023 General Assembly: “We appreciate the ways in which you accompany our work, not only providing much-needed financial support, but also through prayers.”