

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Anniversary Sunday
Sunday, November 19th, 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

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn #384 O breath of life

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

Responsive Psalm: 106:1-6, 19-23

Hymn #348 Tell me the stories of Jesus

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Choir Anthem: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

by Raymond H. Hann

tune (St. Thomas) by Aaron Williams

Message: The banquet

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #799 God is here

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #654 O God of Bethel

Benediction and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service is Charles Greaves. Reading today are Beth Matheson and Eileen MacNeil. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

Greeters today are Brian Mikkelson at the Main Door and Beth Matheson at the Choir Room Door.

Next Week: Leading the service will be David Sneddon. Readings will be done by Jennifer March and Joyce MacDougall.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Madeline Matheson whose funeral was held at Sydney Memorial Chapel on Friday.

A donation has been made to the Benevolent Fund from Bethel Sunday School.

To Current Fund

- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Madeline Matheson from Donnie & Pat Munroe
- In memory of a dear friend, Gwen Smith, from Norma Gillis
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Roy & Nancy MacDonald
- In memory of Gwen Smith from nephew Lawrence Eilis and DeAnne

- In memory of Gwen Smith from brother Wayne Ellis & Hazel
- In memory of Gwen Smith from nephew Wayne Ellis Jr, & Sandra Rigby
- In memory of Donald Campbell from Wayne Ellis
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Theresa MacDonald
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Roy & Kay Gallivan
- In memory of Dorothy Maxwell, Gwen Smith, Valerie MacIntosh and Charles Peny from Sandra MacLeod
- In memory of Donald Campbell from Bill & Shelley MacLeod
- In loving memory of Lincoln & Bessie MacKenzie from Stuart, Florence & Chris MacKenzie
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Hugh & Joan Cameron
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Sylvia Skinner
- In memory of Gwen Smith and Donnie Campbell from Margie MacLeod
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Diane & Bill Gillis
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Louise MacGregor
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Linda & Donnie Robertson
- In memory of Dorothy Maxwell, Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Eileen MacNei

- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Ivan & Linda Henderson

To Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Catherine McCharles
- In memory of Charles Penny, Valerie MacIntosh and Dorothy Maxwell from Florence MacLean
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Kevin & Joan Richardson
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Alan & Brenda Skinner
- In memory of Dorothy Maxwell and Valerie MacIntosh from Margie MacLeod
- In loving memory of Donnie Campbell from Marie Hill & family and Morrison family
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Mabel Thompson
- In memory of Donald Campbell and Gwen Smith from Eileen MacLean
- In memory of Donald Morrison from Valerie Rhude
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Sharon McKay
- In memory of Donnie Campbell, Gwen Smith, Valerie MacIntosh and Dorothy Maxwell from Linda & Myrna Ross
- In loving memory of Donnie Campbell from Marilyn (Ross) MacKenzie

- In memory of Dorothy Maxwell, Gwen Smith and Donnie Campbell from Keith & Carol Ferguson
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Glayne & Ann MacQueen
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Brad & Angie Gillespie
- In memory of Gwen Smith from Donnie & Kim Brown

To Camp MacLeod

- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Betty and Joyce Morris
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Kim & Donnie Brown

To Choir Fund

In loving memory of Iris Gillespie from Geraldine and Iylah MacLeod and families.

John Geddie AMS will once again support the Christmas "Adopt-a-Family " program sponsored by the Every Woman's Center. If anyone would like to financially assist us in this local mission, please see any member of AMS or leave your contribution in an envelope on the Bethel offering plate on the next two Sundays. Thank you.

The Congregation of St. James-Knox will be celebrating their amalgamation **today at 3pm**. There will be music and presentations during the service, as well as time of

fellowship and potluck in the church hall in the basement. Please come and celebrate with us.

Saturday, November 25 from 10 to 12pm. St Paul's are having a Christmas Bazaar. Home baking, books, and flea market tables. Please join us.

A Christmas Tea and Sale will be held on **Saturday, November 25** at the Steelworkers and Sydney Pensioners Club at 2 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased from Linda or Myrna Ross at 562-2962.

Bethel's Memorial Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 7pm in the church, followed by a time of Fellowship in the hall. Memorial donations may be placed on the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. You are asked to have your donations made by November 22nd so the Memorial Listing may be prepared for the service.

This week the Presbytery of Vancouver Island approved the Call to David Coull who accepted the Call and will be ordained by them on December 3rd. The Presbytery of Cape Breton have set the date for David's induction for **Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 pm**

Mission Moments

The friendship between the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Rev. Manias Chang Yu-fa began in 2012 when they first started working together on the Bunun Bible translation project, one of the Indigenous languages in Taiwan. In

March 2023, they had just finished finalizing the entire translation when Manias was hospitalized. He passed away three months later. Although Manias did not live to see the complete Bunun Bible, his family and friends find comfort in knowing that he knew that his translation work of many years was completed before he passed away. We give thanks for faithful servants. Paul receives support from Presbyterians Sharing for his work in Bible Translation.