

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, November 26<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**

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #431            Jesus, where'er thy people meet

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                    Genesis 2:1-7

Responsive Psalm:            23

Hymn #773                    Jesus bids us shine

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson:        Romans 6:1-11

N.T. Gospel Lesson:        John 15:1-10

Choir Anthem:                We Bow Down

*by Twila Paris/arr. by Lloy Iharson*

Message:                        A restoration project

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #382                    Spirit of God,  
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #691                    My shepherd is the King of love

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service is David Sneddon. Reading today are Jennifer March and Joyce MacDougall. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Kathy Hardy at the Main Door and Ben Furey at the Choir Room Door.

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

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Betty Morris and family on the passing of her brother Gordon Anthony of Fredericton, NB who passed away November 18, 2023. Sympathy is also extended to Walter Letcher and family on the passing of his sister, Betty Romard of Sydney who passed away on November 17, 2023.

**Reminder:** Please return the Coins for Camp MacLeod jars if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

**This afternoon at 3:00pm:** The service at St James Knox Church was cancelled last week because of a power outage and has been rescheduled for today.

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Gwen Smith from Hattie MacAskill
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Gordon Gillespie and family
- In memory of Iris Gillespie from husband Gordon, daughter Jennifer, sons Gordon Jr., Stephen and Kenny
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Sharon McKay
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from John Clarke
- In memory of Gwen Smith from John, Linda, Jamie and Faith Helen Clarke
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from John & Beth Matheson
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Eileen MacNeil
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Jack Tarr, Charlottetown, PEI

## **To Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Donnie Campbell, Madeline Matheson and Gwen Smith from Charles & Wilma Nicholson.
- In memory of Gordon Anthony (Betty Morris's brother) and Betty Romard (Walter Letcher's sister) from Ben & Heather Furey
- In memory of Gwen Smith, Donnie Campbell, Madeline Matheson and Betty Romard from Geraldine & Iylah MacLeod
- In memory of Gwen Smith from Kim & Donnie Brown
- In memory of Dorothy Maxwell and Valerie MacIntosh from Linda and Donnie Robertson
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Kathy Hardy
- In memory of Donnie Campbell from Diane and Fred Lynk
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Joyce MacDougall
- In memory of Donnie Campbell, Gwen Smith, and Dorothy Maxwell from Charles and Linda Greaves
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Madeline Matheson from Gordon and Wendy Ferguson
- In memory of Donnie Campbell, Valerie MacIntosh and Madeline Matheson from Joan and Gary Grant
- In memory of Donnie Campbell and Gwen Smith from Mary and Wayne Penny

- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Donnie & Kim Brown

### **To Camp MacLeod**

In memory of Donnie Campbell from Kim & Donnie Brown

### **To Choir Fund**

In memory of Madeline Matheson from Mervin MacLeod

David Coull will be ordained in St Andrew's Church in Nanaimo, BC on **Saturday, December 2**. If you wish to watch this service, St Andrew's has provided the following information:

Any interested in viewing the ordination are invited to visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.andrewspresbyterianchurch167>

The stream will go live there about 10 minutes to 5pm Atlantic Standard Time on the 2nd. of December

**Bethel's Memorial Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Presbytery of Cape Breton have set the date for David's induction for **Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 pm**

**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 Moments**

Over the past two years, Canadian aid organizations advocated to remove legal barriers to much-needed aid in Afghanistan. The barriers prevented aid organizations, including PWS&D, from providing urgent humanitarian assistance since the Taliban took control in August 2021. The recent parliamentary adoption of Bill C-41 now enables Canadian aid organizations to provide crucial aid in Afghanistan safely and effectively. Bill C-41 is vital to improving access to health care, ensuring access to food,

water and sanitation, education, and protecting human dignity. As winter approaches, the needs are even greater. PWS&D will now support work in Afghanistan once again—an important step in coping with political, economic and climate adversity for many in the country.