

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**



**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 #115

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Responsive Reading: Ephesians 2:11-15

**L-** Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision."

**P- Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.**

**L-** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**ALL- For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace.**

Hymn #307

God of the sparrow, God of the whale

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent: The Candle of Peace

Hymn# 119

Peace is a ribbon (vs. 2)

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

N.T. Gospel Lesson: John 14:26-27

Choir Anthem:

Is Your Heart Prepared For A King

*by Robert Lau*

Message:

The Prince of Peace

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn # 122                      Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel  
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

## **GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #118                      Hark the glad sound  
Benediction and Choral Amen

## **Announcements**

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

**Greeting today are** Sandra MacLeod at the Main Door and Donnie Brown at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Leading the service will be Gary Grant. Readings will be done by Carol Ferguson and Kevin Joel Arun Daniel.

**Sincere thanks** is given from John Geddie AMS to those in our congregation who contributed financially to our appeal for the work of the Adopt a Family Christmas Program. The Every Woman's Center was very pleased to accept our donation of \$530.00 for their use in our local area.

## **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Gwen Smith from Betty Whelan
- In memory of Gordon Anthony and Betty Romard from Kathy Hardy
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Linda Robertson
- In memory of Gordon Anthony from Margie MacLeod

## **To Benevolent Fund**

In memory of Madeline Matheson from Kevin & Joan Richardson

The Presbytery of Cape Breton have set the date for David's induction into the position of minister at Bethel for **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm. at which time the Rev David Coull will commence his service at Bethel and will be leading his first services on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Sunday School Christmas presentation will be held on **December 24<sup>th</sup>** at the morning service. The children are asked to come directly into the Hall at 10:30 a.m. to practice before heading into the Church.

**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**

In northern Ghana, people living with disabilities face a range of issues, such as widespread poverty, limited access to livelihood opportunities and health care, and social barriers to full inclusion. Political, environmental, and economic challenges work together to create those difficult conditions. PWS&D works with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana in a Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program to address these challenges through vocational skills training programs such as soap and pomade making. Ateni Lois, a participant in the soap-making class, expresses her gratitude, stating, "We are so grateful to the CBR program and PWS&D for equipping us with the skills to be able to produce soap and pomade for money. Very soon, we will be in good business and will be out of poverty in our respective communities."