

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</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 #141                      Good Christians, all rejoice

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                      Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Responsive Psalm: 148

Hymn #160                      Unto us a child is born

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

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

Anthem:                      The Light of Christmas

*by Joel Raney*

Sermon:                      God in our midst

**Our Response to God**

Hymn# 167                      Where shepherds lately knelt  
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**We Go Out In Service**

Hymn #462                      All my hope on God is founded

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

## **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Bradley Gillespie and Kallol Sarker. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Brian Mikkelsen at the Main Door and Bradley Gillespie at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Gary Grant and Todd Gouthro.

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Edwin Dulvy from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In memory of Edwin Dulvy from Margie MacLeod

The Sacrament of Communion will be observed on **Sunday, January 7, 2024** at the 10:30 AM Service.

**The Worship and Nurture and Program Committee** is looking for volunteers to look after the fellowship hour after church. If you are interested, please phone Linda Ross 902 562 2962.

## Prayer Calendar

**Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day)** As a new year begins, we pray for PWS&D programs and partners that are responding to poverty, hunger, emergency situations and injustice around the world.

**Tuesday, January 2** We pray for safe travels for the Rev. Lora Nafziger, PCC mission staff serving United Mission to Nepal, and her family as they depart for Kathmandu today.

**Wednesday, January 3** We pray for all those who face end of life questions and are wrestling with how to respond to MAID, and for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it studies this matter.

**Thursday, January 4** We pray for Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and the people who receive support, care, kindness and guidance from staff and volunteers.

**Friday, January 5** We give thanks for the encouraging ministry of the Moderator, the Rev. Mary Fontaine, as she shares her faith stories and listens to people she meets during her visits.

**Saturday, January 6 (Epiphany)** Guide us, Source of Wisdom and Creator of the heavens who led the Magi to worship the Christ child, so that we may find our calling and journey's end in Jesus Christ.