

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, December 3rd, 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 #795 Christ is coming

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31

Responsive Psalm: 130

Hymn #110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent: The Candle of Hope

Hymn# 119 Hope is a star (vs. 1)

Children's Story What would Jesus hope for?

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Choir Anthem: A Mighty King is Coming

by Billy D. Martin & Jon Paige

Message: Hope

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn # 124 People in darkness

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #797 Shall we gather at the river

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Leading the service is Gary Grant. Reading today are Brad Gillespie and Arun Daniel Ravindran. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

Greeting today is Larry Victory at the Main Door.

Next Week: Leading the service will be Rev. Allan MacLellan. Readings will be done by Donnie Brown and Annie Rebecca Daniel Ravindran.

This evening at 7pm

Bethel's Memorial Hymn Sing will be held in the church, followed by a time of Fellowship in the hall.

To Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Gordon Anthony, Betty Romard and Dorothy Maxwell from Thelma MacKillop
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Linda & Myrna Ross

To Choir Fund

- In memory of Gwen Smith from Flossie MacLean
- In memory of Gwen Smith from George & Susan Jessen
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Keith and Carol Ferguson
- In memory of Betty Romard from Eileen MacLean.

To Current Fund

- In memory of Gwen Smith from Sharon MacEachern
- In memory of Betty Romard and Gordon Anthony from Eileen MacNeil
- In memory of Madeline Matheson from Mildred & Cyril MacLean

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.andrewspresbyterianchur>

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The Presbytery of Cape Breton have set the date for David's induction into the position of minister at Bethel for **Sunday, December 17** 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 24th.

John Geddie AMS will meet next **Thursday, December 7th** at 2:00pm in the Shaw Room. Please note change of date for our Christmas Meeting.

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

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 Malawi, Jennifer joined a program for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) supported by PWS&D. When she was in Grade 5, Jennifer lost both of her parents to HIV and was cared for by her great-aunt. Jennifer is also HIV positive and is undergoing treatment. Through the OVC program, Jennifer received training in tailoring as well as beekeeping. Now 19 years old, Jennifer has just had her first honey harvest, yielding 5 kg of honey, which she sold to buy food. Jennifer now dreams of volunteering with a local tailor, hoping to secure a paid job in the field. With the skills she learned from this program, Jennifer is able to live positively with HIV and earn a livelihood to support herself.