

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Minister: Rev. David F. Coull, B. Sc, MDiv**



**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 #173                      We three kings

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                      Genesis 1:1-5

Responsive Psalm:    29

Hymn #182                      What was your vow and vision

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson:    Acts 19:1-7

N.T. Gospel Lesson:    Mark 1:4-11

Anthem:                              Still is the night

*by J. Paul Williams & Joseph M. Martin*

Sermon:                              To whom do we listen?

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #183                      Christ, when for us you were baptized  
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn #461                      Be thou my vision

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Table

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer

### **We Go Out In Service**

Hymn #400                      Spirit of the living God

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday as we celebrate Communion. Reading today are Gary Grant and Todd Gouthro. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Gordon Ferguson at the Main Door and Gary Grant at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by George Jessen and Richard Dulvy.

### **Thank You**

In 2023 the "Coins for Camp MacLeod" campaign raised \$1,943.90. Thank you to all who contributed to this appeal for the support of Camp MacLeod.

## **To Current Fund**

- A donation has been made by Flossie and family of the late Donnie Campbell to thank our many church friends that helped during the funeral service and reception in the church hall.
- In memory of Edwin Leonard Dulvy from Cape Breton Regional Library Board

Anyone interested in adding their name to the list of readers for the New Testament please leave a message with the church office 902-562- 3740 or email

[bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com)

or with Charles Greaves 902-564-9570

[charles.greaves@gmail.com](mailto:charles.greaves@gmail.com)

**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.

## **Mission Moments**

When the Rev. Lora Nafziger visited her sister in Nepal in 2022, she never imagined that she would return as Staff Care and Counselling Advisor with United Mission to Nepal (UMN). A faith-based international NGO, UMN strives to help all Nepalis achieve a fuller life through medical and community development programs. Responding to God's call, Lora departed for Kathmandu in early January 2024 with her spouse Mitch Rhodes and their two youngest children. Lora, who is also a clinical social worker, will provide spiritual and emotional support to expatriate UMN staff and Nepali staff. She is jointly supported by the PCC through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Mennonite Mission Network.