

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**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 #675                      Precious Lord, take my hand

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                      Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16

Responsive Psalm:              Psalm 22:23-31

Hymn # 670                      Amazing grace

Litany for Second Sunday in Lent

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson:              Romans 4:13-25

N.T. Gospel Lesson:              Mark 8:31-38

Anthem:                              We are the Hands of Christ

*by John Parker & Joel Raney*

Message:                              Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

**Our Response to God**

Hymn # 651                      Guide me, oh Thou Great Redeemer  
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**We Go Out In Service**

Hymn # 328                      This is my Father's world

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

**Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.

Reading today are Carol Ferguson and Joyce MacDougall.

We extend a warm welcome to Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrews Hall in Vancouver, who will be delivering the

message. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

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

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Bradley Gillespie and Arun Daniel Ravindran.

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Margie MacLeod from Gordon Gillespie
- In memory of Murray MacLeod and Margie MacLeod from Sharon Morrison
- In memory of Margie MacLeod from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Wilrod Morrison and Margie MacLeod from Florence MacLean
- In memory of Margie MacLeod from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In memory of Margie MacLeod from Sandra MacLeod

### **To Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Margaret (Margie) MacLeod from Eileen MacLean
- In memory of Murray MacLeod (brother to Mervin) from Iylah MacLeod
- In memory of Margie MacLeod from Geraldine and Iylah MacLeod
- In memory of Margie MacLeod from Joan & Gary Grant

### **To Choir Fund**

- In memory of Margie MacLeod from Mervin MacLeod
- In memory of Murray MacLeod and Margie MacLeod from George & Susan Jessen

## **To Camp MacLeod**

In memory of Margie MacLeod from Mildred MacLean

**Tuesday, February 27** at 7:00pm Session will be meeting in the Shaw Room.

**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>** at 10am Bible study will be held in the upper hall. It will be on the Gospel of John and leading the study will be Rev. David Coull. For those who are intending to come to the bible study, please bring a pen and five coloured pencils!

Groups submitting reports for the Annual Reports/Meeting should have them sent to the church office by **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** [bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com)

On Easter Sunday the Sunday School will once again be placing brightly colored Easter Eggs in a basket in memory of loved ones at the front of the Church. The names of those being remembered will also be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To purchase a memorial egg please put the names of those being remembered, and by whom, along with \$5.00 per name and your envelope# or address for an income tax receipt. Please mark on Envelope Sunday School Easter Memorial. Place it on the collection plate or give it to one of the Sunday School Teachers. The children will be doing a short Easter Program on Easter Sunday.

If there is anyone that would like to have a hospital visitation or visitation at home please call Rev. Coull 902-919-1372 or Gary Grant 902-567-1411.

The Worship and Nurture and Program Committee is looking for volunteers to usher for the months of May, June, July and August, either for the full month or a few weeks. Please contact Sandra MacLeod (539-2467) or Kathy Hardy (562-8578).

Winter storms may make it necessary to cancel Sunday Services for safety reasons. If the Sunday morning weather is inclement, and you wonder if the Service is cancelled please call the church office 902-562-3740 and check the voicemail. If the service is cancelled, there will be a notice of the cancellation on the voicemail by 9am. You may also check the church website at [bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca](http://bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca) in the Messages section and an announcement will also be made on Facebook.

### **Mission Moments**

"We really appreciate the program, as we are in dire need to keep the education going for our kids," shared a grateful parent. For Afghan children who sought refuge in Pakistan, education is often out of reach because they are not nationals. PWS&D supports the Digital Learning Center in Peshawar, which provides out-of-school children and adults with basic digital literacy classes, high school courses and tutoring sessions that aim to help a total of 520 students. Students and their family members are benefiting from the Darakht-e Danesh Library, which provides free and open educational resources on such topics as math, language, business and the sciences. Students access classes both in English and Dari/Farsi, equipping them with essential skills and providing hope for those who have lost so much, broadening their opportunities for the future.