

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, February 4<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 #407                      Praise my soul the King of Heaven

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                      Isaiah 40:21-31

Responsive Psalm:      Psalm 147:1-11

Hymn #101                      You are before me. Lord      (Psalm 139)

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson:      1 Corinthians 9:16-23

N.T. Gospel Lesson:      Mark 1:29-39

Anthem:                      We Bow Down                      *by Twila*

*Paris*

Sermon:                      The importance of pausing

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #662                      Those who wait on the Lord  
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**We Go Out In Service**

Hymn #687                      Blessed assurance

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

**Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.  
Reading today are Jennifer March and Chris McCall.

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

**Greeters today** are Charles Nicholson at the Main Door and Ben Furey at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by David Sneddon and Dennis MacIntyre.

A donation has been made to Bethel Presbyterian Church General Fund from the former Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study. In loving memory of deceased members.

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Edwin Dulvy from Don & Pat Munroe
- In memory of Betty Romard, Edwin Dulvy, and Wilrod Morrison from George & Susan Jessen
- In memory of Murray MacLeod from Donnie & Kim Brown
- In memory of Murray MacLeod from Catherine & David Sneddon

### **To the Choir Fund**

- In memory of Wilrod Morrison from Gordon Gillespie
- In memory of Wilrod Morrison from Kathy Hardy
- In memory of Murray MacLeod from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In memory of Murray MacLeod (Mervin's brother) from Kathy Hardy

### **To Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Wilrod Morrison from Gordon & Wendy Ferguson

- In memory of Wilrod Morrison from Donnie & Kim Brown
- In memory of Wilrod Morrison from Brad & Angie Gillespie

**Thursday, February 15<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!

St. Paul's is having a Strawberry Shortcake Takeout on **Friday, February 16** from 11 to 1:30. Price is \$12. Reserve tickets by Feb.14 by calling 902-849-2479 or 902-737-2529. We will also have frozen soup and pickles for sale.

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.

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)

**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.

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.

**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**

For decades, Presbyterian World Service & Development has faithfully dedicated itself to serving those in need across the globe. In collaboration with our valued partners, PWS&D is actively contributing to positive transformation within our global community. From responding to emergencies to helping families and communities access nutritious food, clean water, adequate health care and quality education, PWS&D is helping people thrive. As people of faith, we respond to Christ's call to walk with the distressed and marginalized, work towards equality, the restoration of human dignity, peace, and care for God's creation. Together, we are working towards a sustainable, compassionate and just world.