

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 17th, 2024
Fifth 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 #205 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsive Psalm: 51:1-12

Hymn #445 Open our eyes, Lord

Litany for Fifth Sunday in Lent

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

N.T. Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33

Anthem: I Come to the Cross

by Bill Batstone & Bob Somma
choral setting by Jack Schrader

Sermon: Dying to ourselves

Our Response to God

Hymn #353 Hail, our once-rejected Jesus

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We Go Out In Service

Hymn #772 Christ for the world we sing

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.
Reading today are Beth Matheson and Kevin Joel Arun Daniel.

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

Greeters today are Sandra MacLeod at the Main Door and Beth Matheson at the Choir Room Door.

Next Week: Readings will be done by George Jessen and Lydia Barikdar.

To Current Fund

In memory of Margie MacLeod and Wilrod Morrison from Janice Mudge

To Benevolent Fund

In memory of Mary Strickland from The Bethel Choir

To Choir Fund

In memory of Mary Strickland from Gus & Alixe MacAskill

Thursday, March 21st

10:00am Bible study will be held in the 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!

2:00pm The John Geddie AMS will meet in the Shaw Room.

Tuesday, March 26th

7:00pm Session meeting in the Shaw Room.

Wednesday, March 27th

7:00pm The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the hall.

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. **The deadline for the Easter memorials will be on March 24.**

The Vancouver School of Theology has now posted its confirmed summer courses (running in July). You can audit the courses or take them for credit. If you are interested, please check the Vancouver School of Theology website. The times for the courses are all in Pacific Summer Time.

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 in the Messages section and an announcement will also be made on Facebook.

Mission Moments

For hundreds of years, roads have been providing important networks of connection and community. Not only in a physical sense, but by creating equal access to vital places like schools, churches and hospitals, and fostering a sense of community. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Life and Mission Agency and the Band Council on Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan are working together to create a road system through the reserve that will connect Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church with the rest of the community. In turn, it will open up the possibilities of new ministry opportunities by bringing together the community and creating a sense of hope and connectedness.