

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</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 #243                      Jesus Christ is risen today

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                      Isaiah 25:6-9

Responsive Psalm:              118:1-2, 14-24

Hymn #78                         This is the day (Psalm 118)

Litany for Easter Sunday

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson:              Acts 10:34-43

N.T. Gospel Lesson:              John 20:1-18

Anthem:                             Remember

*by J. Paul Williams & Douglas Nolan*

Sermon:                             Perhaps they never understood

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #256                         Now the green blade rises

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Sunday School Presentation

**We Go Out In Service**

Hymn #258                         Thine be the glory

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

**Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.

Reading today are Richard MacAulay and Kallol Sarker.

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

**Greeters today** are Charles Nicholson at the Main Door and Richard MacAulay at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Jennifer March and Wendy Ferguson.

**The brightly coloured Easter eggs displayed at the front of the church are a reminder of the renewal of creation and the renewal of our own lives in the resurrection. Each name listed in the bulletin, represented by these eggs, is in memory of those who have now passed into eternal life, but are always remembered.**

**The Sunday School would like to thank all who have supported this project and wish each one a very happy Easter as we celebrate our Risen Saviour!**

#### **To Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Wilrod Morrison from Ada MacIntosh
- In memory of Margie MacLeod from Philip & Donna Lee MacLeod
- In loving memory of my sister Margie MacLeod from Barbara Wedsworth

#### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Mary Strickland from David & Catherine Sneddon

#### **To Camp MacLeod**

In memory of Mary Strickland from Dennis & Jean MacIntyre

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.

**SPECIAL PROJECT:** The piano in the Choir Loft failed and was not repairable. A temporary replacement has been in use but a more suitable piano is required. Discussion at the Annual Congregational Meeting has supported establishing a Special Piano Replacement Project to raise funds to purchase the new piano. You may place your gifts on the offering plate marked "PIANO PROJECT" with your name and envelope number or address for tax receipts. Thanks for your support.

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 month of June and one person for the month of August. Please contact Sandra MacLeod (539-2467) or Kathy Hardy (562-8578).

### **Mission Moment**

In Malawi, Madalitso Mphamba, a determined 16-year-old, once doubted she would ever have the chance to attend secondary school. When Madalitso's mother fell seriously ill and had to give up her job, they moved in with family for support. At first, Madalitso's grandma's beer brewing venture was thriving and played a crucial role in supporting her primary school education. However, Madalitso's grandmother eventually had to stop this business, and the family could no longer afford to send Madalitso to school. With help from PWS&D, the Blantyre Synod Education Department's Neno scholarship program allowed Madalitso to re-enroll, enabling her to dream of a brighter future.

## **EASTER MEMORIALS**

1. In memory of parents Toss & Ollie MacAulay from Carol & Glenn MacLeod.
2. In loving memory of Ellen & Sandy MacDonald, Rosie & Angus MacAskill, Marie MacDonald, and William MacAskill from Alixe & Gus MacAskill.
3. In memory of Jennifer Gardiner, Hazel Kozera, parents passed and loved ones passed, from Linda & Ivan Henderson.
4. In memory of Christine Nicholson from Sharon Morrison.
5. In memory of deceased family members from Roy & Nancy MacDonald.
6. In loving memory of Duncan & Bertha MacAulay, Florence MacAulay, Patsy Hannem and Billy Hannem from Donald & Kaye MacAulay.
7. In loving memory of Bertha & Duncan MacAulay, Lillian & Herb Weatherbee, Patsy Hannem, Billy Hannem, and Lynda Weatherbee from John & Edna Weatherbee.
8. In memory of Rod MacNeil, Gordon & Mary Penny, and Mona MacIntosh from Eileen MacNeil.
9. In loving memory of parents Garfield & Peggy Ross, brother-in-law Lloyd MacKenzie & John MacKenzie love Linda & Myrna Ross.
10. In memory of deceased family members from Heather & Ben Furey.
11. In memory of Bill & Shirley Roach, Danny Roach, and David & Mary Strickland from Garfield & Marilyn Strickland.
12. In memory of Dougal & Ruby MacAulay, Leo & Gertie MacIntyre, Jeanne MacIntyre, and Margie MacLeod from Jean & Dennis MacIntyre.
13. In loving memory of Allan, Bertha, and Allan Hugh MacDougall from Joyce MacDougall.

14. In memory of deceased loved ones from Sharon McKay.
15. In memory of husband Walter Hardy, parents Duncan & Florence MacQueen, brother Art MacQueen, In-laws Jessie & Glendon Hardy, and friend Margie MacLeod from Kathy Hardy.
16. In loving memory of husband Murray, daughter Mona, daughter Sylvia, parents Gordon & Mary Penny, and brother Charlie from Ada MacIntosh & Family.
17. In loving memory of Lincoln & Bessie MacKenzie from Stuart, Florence, and Chris MacKenzie.
18. In memory of our parents from David & Catherine Sneddon.
19. In memory of parents Murray & Carrie Morrison, brother David Morrison and Donnie Campbell from Marie Hill & Family.
20. In memory of Roy Ferguson and Danny Ferguson from Leah Ferguson.
21. In memory of Kathy Lynn Reid, and Clarence & Kay Reid from Eileen MacLean.
22. In memory of nanna Germaine George from Arianna, Alexander and Sophia Brown
23. In memory of great nannie Dorothy Maxwell from Caius Brown.
24. In memory of great papa Donald Brown from the Browns.
25. In memory of great grampie Lewis Maxwell from Zander Brown.
26. In memory of aunt Faye from Denyra MacLean.
27. In memory of Lawrence & Mary Ellis, Gwen Smith, and Helen Clarke from Wayne & Hazel Ellis.
28. In memory of Margie MacLeod from Leah Ferguson.
29. In memory of uncle Donnie Campbell and GeeGee MacKeigan from Callie & Lachlan MacLeod.
30. In memory of dad Frank MacLean from Sandra MacLeod.

31. In memory of Murray Donald MacLeod from Mervin MacLeod.
32. In memory of George & Kaye Halliday, June Boutilier, Karen Kickham, Miles MacDonald, and Sid & Joan Denny from Debbie & Nick Denny.
33. In loving memory of Cecil & Chris Greaves, Rod & Madeline Matheson, Kaye Greaves, and Sara Elaine Matheson from Linda & Charles Greaves.
34. In memory of Leslie Mouland from granddaughters Lucie & Madelyn.
35. In memory of our grandparents from Jason & Jennifer March.
36. In memory of Frank, Donnie, Roy and Connie from Flossie MacLean.
37. In memory of my parents Alice & James MacCormack from Valerie Rhude.
38. In memory of Germaine & Billy Grant, Mary & Richard Dolimont, and Louise Masters (Grant) from Joan & Gary Grant.
39. In memory of Merle Davis from Chris McCall.
40. In memory of Marguerite & Henry Gillespie from son Gordon Gillespie and Family.
41. In memory of Iris Gillespie from husband Gordon, daughter Jennifer, sons Gordon Jr., Stephen and Kenny Gillespie.
42. In memory of Donald & Effie Ferguson, Howard Hillier, Jean & James MacQueen, Margaret MacQueen, Annie & Mike Penny, and Ina & Norman MacDonald from Gordon & Wendy Ferguson.
43. In memory of our parents John & Helen Ferguson, and Robert & Lillian Hagel from Keith & Carol Ferguson and family.
44. In memory of husband Elmer Thompson and parents Donald & Viola MacLellan from Mabel Thompson.
45. In memory of my grandfather, Elmer Thompson from Jennifer Thompson.

46. In memory of my dad Elmer Thompson from Donaldda Thompson.
47. In memory of my grandfather Elmer Thompson from Allison Thompson & Ben Simms.
48. In memory of my great grandfather Elmer Thompson from Brynlee Simms.
49. In memory of my dad Elmer Thompson from Nelson & Marlene Thompson.
50. In memory of family members who have passed from Karen Mudge.
51. In loving memory of Byron MacLeod from lylah and family
52. In loving memory of Earl MacLeod from Geraldine and family
53. In memory of my mother Merle Davis, lifelong member of the Bethel congregation and strong supporter and participant from Robert & Sarintip Davis
54. In memory of Wilrod Morrison, lifelong member of Bethel congregation and strong supporter and member of the Choir for years from Robert & Sarintip Davis
55. In memory of Leslie Moulard from Lisa, Allan, and Archie MacKenzie
56. In memory of Murdena MacLeod and Alice Edwards from Mildred MacLean
57. In memory of Hector & Blanche MacPherson, Kyle MacKillop, and Darlene Kyla MacKillop from Thelma MacKillop
58. In memory of aunts Isabel, Blanche, and Connie; parents Frank, Alf & Ina, brother Peter; grandparents MacLean, Campbell, Jessen and Gilroy, friends Mona, Sylvia, Valerie MacIntosh, and Joann Pellerin from Susan & George Jessen.