

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, Dec. 1<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

Welcome and Call to Worship

Advent is a time for waiting.

**We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.**

Advent is a time for hoping.

**We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.**

Advent is a time to worship.

**We wait for God, praising the One who comes to fulfill promises.**

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn #122                      Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                      Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsive Psalm:              25:1-10

Hymn #119                        Hope is a Star (vs. 1)

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent: The Candle of Hope  
(Lighting Litany led by Joyce MacDougall)

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson:            1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

N.T. Gospel Lesson:            Luke 21:25-36

Anthem:                            O Holy Christ, in love come down

*by John Parker & Joel Raney*

Sermon:                            Signs

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #786                        O day of God, draw nigh

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (#830)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

## **We Go Out In Service**

Hymn #592

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

## **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.

Reading today are George Jessen and Wendy Ferguson.

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

**Greeters today** are Charles Nicholson at the Main Door and George Jessen at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Richard MacAulay and Todd Gouthro.

## **To Current Fund**

In memory of Iris Gillespie, from husband Gordon, daughter, Jennifer and sons Gordon Jr., Stephen and Kenny

**Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am** There will be an advent reflection taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of December in the Shaw Room. We will be using the first 34 verses of the gospel of John as our guide for this advent journey. All welcome

The Christian Interfaith Reference Group (CIRG), established by the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), will be gathering at Bethel Presbyterian Church Hall on **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** from 12-1pm. The CIRG brings together CCC member churches to reflect ecumenically on issues of religious diversity and to encourage and resource ecumenical engagement with various religions, faiths, and spiritualities. All are welcome!

**Next Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Memorial Hymn Sing** will be held at 7pm in the church followed by a time of fellowship in the hall.

**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>** The children will be presenting their Christmas program during the morning service.

**The Worship and Nurture Committee are looking for people to volunteer to read an Advent reading** on Sunday mornings in December. If interested, please talk to or call Sandra (902 539 2467) or Kathy (902 562 8578).