

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 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

God who spoke to Mary and Elizabeth,

speak your Word to us now.

God who blessed them with new life,

bless us with great expectation.

God who gave them songs of praise to sing,

receive our joyful praise.

God who loves beyond all measure,

we are here to worship you with hearts full of love.

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

Hymn # 129

Prepare the way, O Zion

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson: Michah 5:2-5

Responsive Psalm 80:1-7

Hymn #119 Hope is a star

Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent: The Candle of Love
(Lighting Litany led by Kevin Joel)

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

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-55

Anthem: O come to set us free

by Mary McDonald

Sermon: How did we get here?

Our Response to God

Hymn # 782 Isaiah the prophet has written of old
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (#830)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We Go Out In Service

Sunday School Christmas Presentation

Hymn #461 Be thou my vision

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.

Reading today are David Sneddon and Linda Greaves.

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

Greeters today are Kathy Hardy at the Main Door and Beth Matheson at the Choir Room Door.

Next Week: Readings will be done by Donald Brown and Catherine Sneddon.

To Current Fund

In loving memory of Lauchie & Erna MacDonald from Angela & Bruno Polegatto

To Benevolent Fund

In memory of Debbie Burton Schaller from Donnie & Kim Brown

To Memorial Light Up

In memory of my parents Jean & James MacQueen from Barbara & Terry and family

This Evening, December 22nd at 7:00pm

The Road to Bethlehem

The Final presentation of The Road to Bethlehem will occur in Wentworth Park. Take time away from the hustle and bustle and join us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. In song, word, and reflection we retell the story of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. This is a Christmas

Festival for the entire Christian Community, especially children. Please join us!

Tuesday, Dec. 24th

A Christmas Eve Carol Service will be held at 7:00pm.

Sunday, January 5th, 2025 at 2:30pm.

The Presbytery of Cape Breton will be holding a Service of Recognition, celebrating the installation of the Rev. Dr. Kenneth MacLeod to serve as Interim Minister for two years in the Northside Presbyterian Pastoral Charge (combined congregations of St Andrew's, Sydney Mines and St Giles, North Sydney). This service will be held in St. Giles Church. All are encouraged to attend to support this ministry.

Communion dates for 2025: January 12th, April 13th, June 22nd, October 5th

Isaiah Bible Study will begin on January 16th in the Shaw Room at 10am. If you are planning on attending, please read Isaiah sometime before that date and sharpen those coloured pencils! All are welcome.