

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Second 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

Welcome and Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and our salvation:

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

The Lord is the stronghold of our life:

**We will wait for the Lord in faithfulness.**

Let us seek the Lord's face in this time of worship:

**We will honour God's presence in our prayers and our praises!**

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

Hymn #331

The God of Abraham Praise

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Responsive Psalm: 27

Hymn #14 Safe in your hands, O God who made me

Litany for Second Sunday in Lent Ernestine Peprah

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35

Anthem: I will take up my cross

*by Timothy C. Evans*

Sermon: Just perhaps

**Our Response to God**

Hymn #209 O love that wilt not let me go

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (830)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

## **We Go Out in Service**

Hymn #688

As water to the thirsty

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Donald Brown and Wendy Ferguson. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Gordon Ferguson at the Main Door and Donald Brown at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by George Jessen and Todd Gouthro.

**Wednesday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held at 7pm in the hall.

**Thursday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>** John Geddie AMS will meet in the Shaw Room at 2pm.

Next Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Shaw Room.

### **Join Us for St. Peter's Journey**

The Catholic Women's League invites you to St. Peter's journey: a story of faith, repentance, and the transformative power of God's grace experienced through scripture, art, music, and reflection. This powerful Lenten event offers a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for Easter. There will be two one-hour live performances:

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Holy Redeemer Church, 1135 Victoria Road, Sydney, NS

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm St Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot Street, Sydney, NS

All performances are free of charge and everyone is welcome.  
Join us for fellowship after each presentation!  
Bring a friend and be inspired by the story of the man who  
became the rock of the Church!

### **The Many Faces of Christian Prayer**

You are invited to join us for two sessions on prayer and the many ways we can come to God in our prayer.

1. Saturday, March 22 from 10 – 12pm
2. Saturday, March 29 from 10 – 12pm
3. (Weather date if needed) Saturday, April 13 from 10-12pm

Sessions will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church Hall, 9 Brookland St., Sydney. Sessions are facilitated by members of the Cape Breton Local of the Atlantic Association of Spiritual Directors. There is no fee although a donation is welcomed. Registration is required to reserve your space.

To register please contact:

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