

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**First 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.



(Children leave for Sunday School during verse two.)

Litany for First Sunday in Lent

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Romans 1:5-13

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-14

Anthem: If I Had Been *by Ruth Elaine Schram*

Sermon: Do the ends justify the means?

### **Our Response to God**

Hymn #573 I'll love the Lord

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology (830)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

### **We Go Out in Service**

Hymn #57 On Eagles Wings

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Carol Ferguson and Kallol Sarker. Being received through the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is Brecken James Gouthro, son of Mark Gouthro and Shannon McCall. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Greeters today** are Charles Nicholson at the Main Door and Carol Ferguson at the Choir Room Door.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Donald Brown and Wendy Ferguson.

### **To Current Fund**

- In memory of Robert Crane from Kay Gallivan
- In memory of Robert Crane from Joyce MacDougall

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

### **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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