

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Minister: Rev. David F. Coull, B. Sc, MDiv, MATS**



### **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**

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The light shines in the darkness,

**All: We come to worship, seeking the joy Mary sang to welcome her saviour.**

One: Source of light, shine into our lives and your world this Advent.

**All: Renew in us the joy of our salvation.**

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

Hymn #118                      Hark the glad sound

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson:                      Isaiah 35:1-10

Responsive Psalm:              146:5-10

Hymn #105                      I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Lighting of the Third Candle of Advent: The Candle of Joy  
(Lighting Litany led by Jennifer March)

Hymn #119                      Hope is a star (verses 1, 2, 3)

Children's Story

N. T. Epistle Lesson:              James 5:7-10

N.T. Gospel Lesson:              Matthew 11:2-11

Anthem:                      The King is Coming                      *by Jon Paige*

Sermon:                      Tunnel Vision

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #109                      All earth is waiting  
(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

## **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #787

The kingdom of God is justice and joy

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Elizabeth Matheson and Annie Rebecca Arun Daniel. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by Richard MacAulay and Gertrude Sarfo.

Handel's Messiah – A Musical Celebration of Advent

Join us for a moving performance of Handel's Messiah, performed by a choir and orchestra with members from across the CBRM. This cherished Oratorio captures the longing and hope of Advent—prophecies fulfilled, light breaking into darkness, and the joyful announcement of Christ's birth. Through Handel's inspired music and Scripture-filled text, we are invited to prepare our hearts once more for the coming of the Messiah. All are welcome to this uplifting celebration of the Advent season. Join us at Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Admission is free with a silver collection.

The last advent study is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 10:00am in the Shaw room. All are welcome.

Our next bible study will be looking at the Minor Prophets, their links to the New Testament and their relevance to us today. It will start on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Shaw Room. All are welcome. If you are interested, please read the following books before then if you are able to: the Books of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk,

Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. It's quite a list, but some of them are very short!!

PCC 2026 wall calendars can be ordered at the following link: <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/communications-resources/pcc-wall-calendar/> You can also call this number 1-800-619-7301 ext. 331. They are six dollars each.

Communion dates for 2026 are as follows: January 11, March 29, June 21, October 4

Prayer Group by email

Members of the Congregation have formed a Prayer Support Group. If you know of someone who could use prayer support, whether in difficult times or joyous times, send the information to the Prayer Group at [bethelprayer.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:bethelprayer.sydney@gmail.com). This information will be shared via email to the Prayer Group members only. Please respect the confidentiality of the person you are suggesting by simply saying "a friend in need", or, if you wish to include the name, please make sure the person named is in agreement with this. If you wish to remain anonymous as the requester, please indicate this in your email. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce MacDougall or Charles Greaves. For those who may not use email, you can call Joyce at 902 578 8499 with your request.