

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, December 28<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: Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

**All: Praise God, sun and moon!**

One: God's name alone is exalted;

**All: God is above the earth and heaven.**

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

Hymn #136

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9

Responsive Psalm: 148

Hymn #139 Hark! the herald angels sing

N. T. Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-28

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23

Anthem: The Gift of the Season

Sermon: No one gets to sit on the fence

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Hymn #161 What child is this

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

Hymn #159 Oh come, all ye faithful

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

**Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday.

Reading today are Jennifer March and Arun Daniel Ravindran.

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

**Next Week:** Readings will be done by David Sneddon and Joyce MacDougall.

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.

### **Ways to make your offering contribution**

In addition to placing your offering on the collection plate, you may make your offering using

- e-transfer, sending it to [bethelofferings@bellaliant.com](mailto:bethelofferings@bellaliant.com) If it is for a special fund, indicate that in the message, along with your name. A security question is not required.
- using PAR (preauthorized monthly contribution). Contact the church office for signup information, or email [bethelchurchact@gmail.com](mailto:bethelchurchact@gmail.com)