

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, Dec. 7th, 2025
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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 peace of Christ.

One: Shine into our lives and your world this Advent.

All: Renew in us Jesus' call to be peacemakers this day.

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

Hymn #126 On Jordan's bank

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsive Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19

Hymn #128 There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent: The Candle of Peace
(Lighting Litany led by Rob Sneddon)

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

Children's Story

N. T. Epistle Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

Anthem: O Holy Christ in love come down

by John Parker & Joel Raney

Sermon: A foundation of sand

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn #717 We cannot own the sunlit sky

(Please remain standing for the offering)

Offering & Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn #739 Lord, make us servants of your peace

Closing Prayer and Choral Amen

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this Sunday. Reading today are Gary Grant and Eileen MacNeil. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service.

Next Week: Readings will be done by Elizabeth Matheson and Joyce MacDougall.

This afternoon at 3:00pm: Christmas Hymn Sing and Memorial Light-up will be held in the Sanctuary.

Tuesday, Dec. 9th The next regular meeting of Session will be held at 7:00pm in the Shaw Room.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th For those people who expressed an interest in going to Fired Creations, we are booked in for 5:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 11th

10:00am: Our advent study, "The unexpected cast of characters" will be held in the Shaw room. All are welcome.

2:00pm: The John Geddie Auxiliary of the AMS will gather for their Christmas meeting at the home of Susan Jessen. Please note the change of date and place.

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 14th at 2:00pm. Admission is free with a silver collection.

Reminder: Please return the "Coins for Camp MacLeod Jars" if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Social History Books are available from the church office.

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. 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.