

Morning Worship (10:00 a.m.)

Greetings and Announcements

* Silent Prayer

* Call to Worship: **Romans 11:33–36**

* Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn: #22 *O That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Reading of God's Law

Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

* Confession of Faith: **The Nicene Creed** (p. 846)

* Hymn: #508 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Hymn: #355 *We Are God's People*

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: **1 John 3:11–24**

Sermon: *We Should Not Be Like Cain*

Prayer of Application and the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: #356 *How Beautiful the Sight*

* Benediction

* Doxology: #731 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

* Silent Prayer

Evening Worship (5:00 p.m.)

Hymn: #684 *My Times Are in Thy Hand*

Congregational Prayer

* Call to Worship: **Psalms 24:6–10**

* Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn: #44 *How Great Thou Art*

Hymn: #46 *Round the Lord in Glory Seated*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Romans 2:17–29**

Sermon: *Moralism and Religion Fails*

Prayer of Application

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper[†]

* Hymn: #1 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

* Benediction

* Doxology: #735 *Gloria Patri*

* Silent Prayer

* Those who are able are asked to stand.

[†] Wine is in the inner rings of the tray; grape juice is in the outer ring.

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Bible Classes: We hold Bible classes after the morning fellowship time, starting at 11:50 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

- Adult and teen class: *History and Application of the Reformation*
- Young people's class (ages 8–12): *Bible Survey of the Gospels*
- Children's class (ages 3–7): *Old Testament Stories/New Testament Lessons*

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: The meeting will take place at Pastor Bartsch's study and the Harwich Room at 405 Riverview Drive, starting at 7:00 p.m. with the reading of Scripture and prayer. "We ought always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1).

Eben-Ezer Canadian Reformed Church: Please join us for a farewell evening for Rev. DeBoer and his family at Eben-Ezer Canadian Reformed Church in Chatham on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. A standing reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Reception of New Members and Baptism next Sunday: With thankfulness to God, Ken and Michelle Drouillard and their five children will be publicly received as members next Sunday morning. At this service, three of their children (Michael, Anna, and Laura) will receive the sacrament of baptism and become non-communicant members. The two oldest children, Ken Jr. and Ryan, will also become non-communicant members. May God bless this family and the entire church as we grow together in the grace of Christ.

Windsor Church Plant Prayer Meeting: Our church has been doing some exploratory work to determine the viability of an ARP church plant in Windsor. We have held two prayer meetings at the Windsor Public Library (Central branch), and there is interest. Praise the Lord. We are having another prayer meeting on December 20 at the same location, and we ask the church to pray and ask God to raise up a faithful church in that city.

Prayer Items:

- This week we will pray for the Harangozo family.
- Give praise to God that he will yet fill us with joy and that there are eternal pleasures at his right hand—none other than Jesus Christ our Lord (Psalm 16).
- Pray that God would grant us the gift of repentance. Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. #87: "What is repentance? Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it to God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience."
- Pray that our children would have the fear of the Lord, which is the wisdom of God.
- The Canadian Presbytery prayer focus this week is Hope Presbyterian Church in Kingston, ON.

Nursing Home Prayer Items

- Stay tuned for information about a possible Christmas service at Eden Villa. If you have a talent to share, let us know.
- The next service will take place Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Nursery Schedule

This week: a.m. Joanne VanTil, Trudy Timmermans, Elisabeth Luimes
p.m. Tammy Bartsch, Maria Luimes

Next week: a.m. Kyla Van Kesteren, Victoria Marentette, Monica Bartsch
p.m. Kathryn Luimes, Nadia Van Kesteren

John Calvin: The Man behind the Name

by Dr. Karin Maag

Born July 10, 1509 in Noyon, France, Jean Calvin was raised in a staunch Roman Catholic family. At the age of 14, he went to Paris to study at the College de Marche in preparation for university study. Toward the end of 1523 Calvin transferred to the more famous College Montaigu. During this time, Calvin's education was paid for in part by income from a couple of small parishes. So although the new theological teachings of individuals like Luther and Lefevre d'Etaples were spreading throughout Paris, Calvin was closely tied to the Roman Church. However, by 1527 Calvin had developed friendships with individuals who were reform-minded [and] set the stage for Calvin's eventual switch to the Reformed faith. [In] 1528 Calvin moved to Orleans to study civil law. The following years found Calvin studying in various places and under various scholars. By 1532 Calvin finished his law studies and also published his first book, a commentary on De Clementia by the Roman philosopher Seneca. The following year [he] fled Paris because of contacts with individuals who through lectures and writings opposed the Roman Catholic Church. It is thought that in 1533 Calvin experienced the conversion that he writes about in his foreword to his commentary on the Psalms.

For the next three years, Calvin lived in various places outside of France under various names. He studied on his own, preached, and began work on his first edition of the *Institutes*. By 1536 [he] had disengaged himself from the Roman Catholic Church and made plans to permanently leave France and go to Strasbourg. However, war had broken out, so Calvin decided to make a one-night detour to Geneva.

But Calvin's fame in Geneva preceded him. Farel, a local reformer, invited him to stay in Geneva. Thus began a long, difficult, yet ultimately fruitful relationship with that city. He began as a lecturer and preacher, but by 1538 was asked to leave because of theological conflicts [and] went to Strasbourg. His stay there as a pastor to French refugees was so peaceful and happy that when he [was asked to] return to Geneva, he was emotionally torn. He wanted to stay in Strasbourg but felt a responsibility to return to Geneva. He did so and remained [there] until his death May 27, 1564.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

If you are visiting with us today and have any questions about our church or building facility, you are welcome to speak with the greeters; they are available to help you in any way they can.

Today's greeters: Henry Bartsch family
Next week's greeters: Matthew Bartsch family