

Morning Worship (10:00 a.m.)

Greetings and Announcements

* Silent Prayer

* Call to Worship: **Psalm 107:1-3**

* Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn: #382 *God Himself Is with Us*

Reading of God's Law

Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

* Hymn: #35 *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Hymn: #646 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 15:1-31**

Sermon: *God Loves Me, This I Know*

Prayer of Application and the Lord's Prayer

Reception of New Member

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper[†]

* Hymn: #85 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

* Benediction

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

* Silent Prayer

Evening Worship (5:00 p.m.)

Hymn: #634 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Congregational Prayer

* Call to Worship: **Psalm 131**

* Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn: #517 *I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend!*

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

Hymn: #555 *Lord, I Was Blind: I Could Not See*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Romans 3:9-20**

Sermon: *Total Depravity Properly Understood*

Prayer of Application

* Hymn: #76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

* Benediction

* Doxology: #737 *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

* 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

Reception of New Member: Mr. Ian Mason will be publicly received as a member during the morning worship service today. We pray that God will richly bless him and our church as we serve together.

Fellowship Meal: We will have a fellowship meal after the morning service today. All are welcome.

Bible Classes: The Bible classes are cancelled for today because of the fellowship meal. They will resume next Sunday.

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.

Communicants Class: Beginning this Thursday, January 11, John Moerman will teach an eight-week communicants class focusing on the doctrines of the Bible, faith, the Trinity, the gospel, the church, and communion. If you plan to attend, write your name on the sign-up sheet on the literature table.

Youth Group: The next youth group meeting will be held at the Harwich Room this Friday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone age 13 and up is welcome to attend.

Adult Bible Class: Starting next Sunday, Pastor Bartsch will teach an 18-week series on the life of Rev. Thomas Boston and practical lessons for our Christian lives, entitled *The Life, Theology, and Ministry of Thomas Boston: A Testimony to the Faithfulness of God*. The subjects are as follows:

- The life of Thomas Boston: An example of God's sustaining grace
- Thomas Boston's stand for the gospel: The relationship of law and gospel
- Thomas Boston's pastoral work: Shepherding the children of the kingdom of God

1Accord Registration: The first registration date for 1Accord, January 8, 2018, is coming up. Please consider sending your registration as soon as possible. 1 of 10 copies of the book will be gifted to some early registrants. The final registration date is January 29, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Wright at jo.wright@bell.net

Prayer Items:

- This week we will pray for the Moerman family.
- Give thanks for and claim God's promise in Psalm 9:9, "The Lord will also be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble."
- Pray that all our families would conduct faithful family worship.
- Pray for Jack and Nancy Whytock.
- The Canadian Presbytery prayer focus this week is Trinity Presbyterian Church in Woodstock, NB.

Nursery Schedule

This week: a.m. Trudy Timmermans, Kyla Van Kesteren, Alicia Marentette
p.m. Tammy Bartsch, Victoria Marentette
Next week: a.m. Kathryn Luimes, Nadia Van Kesteren, Monica Bartsch
p.m. Joanne VanTil, Maria Luimes

John Knox: The Thundering Scott (Part 2) *by Edward M. Panosian*

During 1560 and 1561, the Scottish Parliament accepted the reformed confession of faith drawn up by Knox and others. The time of conflict seemed to be past, the time of building and organization seemed to have come.

But a last great conflict was yet to be fought; this time it was to be with words. Those words were with the young queen, Mary. [A] Romanist, she was strangely out of place in that northern country, having lived her life in France. She came to rule a country which had become reformed in her absence and had to face the man who was more the leader of her people than was the queen.

Indeed, Knox recorded a total of five "conversations" with the queen. Mary erred in almost every calculation. She attempted to restore the Roman mass (in her private chapel) which Parliament had outlawed. She flattered and tried to win Knox with tears and pleadings. She openly lived a life of an illicit lover. She married her second husband's presumed murderer. Her actions but paved the way to her own deposition. From his pulpit at St. Giles, the cathedral church of Edinburgh, just up the street from the queen's Holyrood Palace, he thundered against the restoration of the church of Rome. Five years after her landing in Edinburgh, Mary, Queen of Scots, her armies bested, abdicated the throne and fled to England.

There were more years of building to come. Only five of these were to be allotted to John Knox, but there were others to continue the work, as there had been Hamilton and Wishart to begin it. The organization of church and state, the development of an educational system, the discipline of morals, all in an age before separation of church and state was believed either wise or possible, was carried on by Andrew Melville and others. But the one who made the building of that Scotland possible was that compelling, magnetic, stern, dauntless, harsh, intolerant, vehement, indomitable, "stedfast, unmoveable," warrior.

Having inducted his successor to St. Giles pulpit in November 1572, the preacher returned to his bedroom, from which he was to enter his eternal home two weeks later. He asked that two Scripture passages be read: his beloved seventeenth chapter of John, and the ninth psalm, a singularly fitting testimony of his own age - and a sobering word to our own.

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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: Maynard family
Next week's greeters: Moerman family