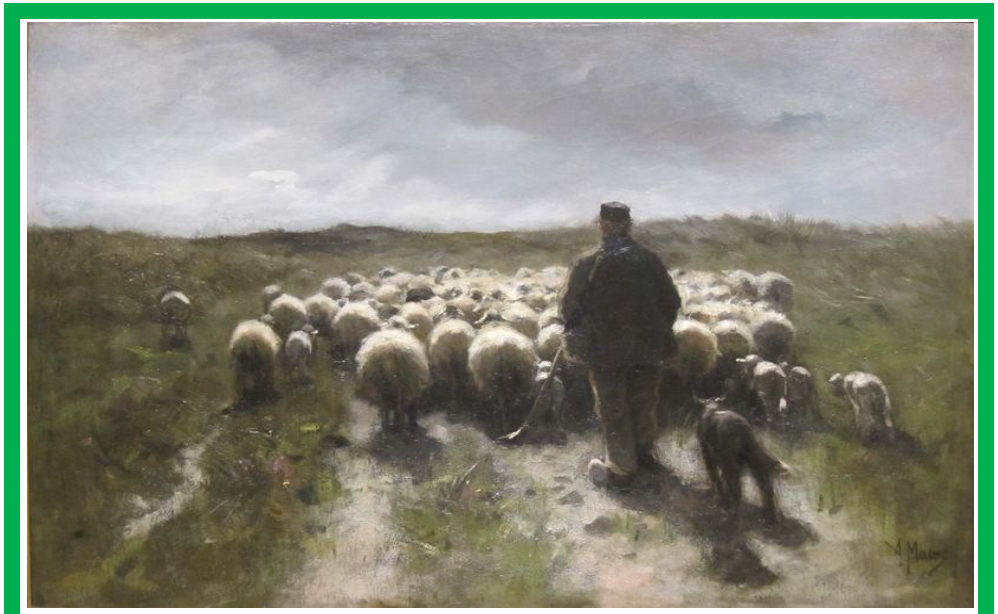
Schedule for Sunday, November 22—Monday, November 30

Sun., 22	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Tree for Boston
	11:45 am	Benevolent Committee Meeting
	2:00 pm	The Janet McGarry Band
Mon., 23	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating
	1:00 pm	Line Dancing
	2:15 pm	Line Dancing Event (Parlour)
Tue., 24	10:00 am	Tantramar Seniors College
	6:00 pm	Kingdom Kids
Wed., 25	12:00 pm	Advent Study
Thur., 26	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 28	1:00 pm	Curling Event
Sun., 29	10:30 am	Worship Service
Mon., 30	1:00 pm	Line Dancing



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Worship:
Reign of Christ

November 22, 2026 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship and fellowship.
If you are visiting, please sign our guest book, & we will pray for you.
**** Stand, as you are able.***

Senior Minister: Rev. Jeff G. White
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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Byron Corkum
Organist & Choir Director: Kevin Dupuis
Church Custodian: Shauna McCallum
Administrative Assistant: Angela Marks
Kingdom Kids Program Leader: Mackinley Mace

PRELUDE Kevin Dupuis
*WELCOME Jeff White
*INTROIT

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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*CALL to Worship (Cara Heafey, UK) leader & **people**

Holy is the Creator of the heavens and the earth
Of sunlight and starlight, forest and ocean.
Holy is the composer of birdsong and thunderstorm.
Let all creation sing praise!
Holy is the One who was born in a stable
Who knelt down in the dust to wash feet.
Holy is the One whose crown was twisted thorns.
Let all creation sing praise!
Holy is the Spirit who confounds the powerful,
Who lifts up the silenced and forgotten.
Holy is the love that breaks the rules of empire.
Let all creation sing praise!

*HYMN 269 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" vs. 1-4

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed,
Without our aid He did us make:
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

Church Decorating for Advent & Christmas! Monday, **November 23 at 9:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and all help is appreciated!

Advent Bible Study – Luke's Songs of Advent: Each **Wednesday** for **four-weeks**, beginning **November 29** at **Noon**, we will be exploring songs from Luke's Gospel and familiar Christmas carols. Please let Jeff know if you plan to attend. **See the November Reflector for full details and weekly themes**.

Christmas Cheer Boxes: Once again, FBC, through our **Benevolent Committee/Fund**, is helping spread Christmas cheer to local families in need. This year, our church has committed to **providing 60 Christmas Cheer Boxes, plus 2 additional emergency boxes**, to help ensure families have food and support during the holiday season. The **estimated cost** is **$150 per box**. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be made through you Church Office or give through your offering envelope marked *"Christmas Cheer Food Box"*.

Christmas for Kids: Phone line will be **open** from **November 2 - November 26**, **Monday-Thursday**, from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Families wishing to access assistance through the Christmas for Kids program are encouraged to **call 902 667-1949** during these hours. Online: christmasforkidscumberland.ca

6. Till women, men shall learn Thy love,
And follow where Thy feet have trod;
Till glorious from Thy heav'n above
Shall come the city of our God.
(Frank Mason North 1850-1935)

*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL Benediction

As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.
May he go before you to show you the way.
May he go behind you to encourage you,
beside you to befriend you,
above you to watch over, within you to give you peace.
As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.
As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.

*POSTLUDE Kevin Dupuis
[You may remain seated for the musical postlude]
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This Sunday's bulletin has been sponsored in loving memory of my son, Stuart Hoeg, who died November 19, 1992 as a result of a hunting accident, from Theresa Manthorne, brother, and family.

This Sunday's bulletin has also been sponsored in loving memory of Glen Manthorne from his wife, Theresa.

There will be a **Benevolent Committee** meeting today following the morning worship service.

Bluegrass at FBC – The Janet McGarry Band! Happening **TODAY, November 22 | 2:00 PM** (Doors open at 1:00 PM) Tickets: $25 each or 2 for $40.

Tree for Boston: Tree for Boston send off **today**, November 22, from **11:30 am—12:30 pm** at the Amherst Town Hall. Live music & hot chocolate!

3. O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure:
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
(William Kethe (d. 1594) *"Scottish Psalter"* 1650)

PRAYER of Invocation & the Lord's Prayer (629) **in unison**
Lord of the Dance, for 300 and 75 years, people have been singing "Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice."
For two thousand years, people have declared that God "has put all things under [Your] feet and has made [You] the head over all things for the church, which is [Your] body."
For two thousand, seven hundred years, people have heard "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep."
Jesus our Saviour, Teacher, Lord, and Friend, be our Good Shepherd, while we are gathered, and when we are apart. Make the Holy Spirit present, to inspire our prayer and our action.
Our Father, who art in heaven…

Responsive READING *"The Dance of Life"* leader & **people**
Even when I forget the steps and foul up the patterns, square dancing is fun. (James Taylor, 2006)

Two guitars and a washtub bass,
a country fiddle, an old-time caller.
Come on, everyone, join the dance.
Do-si-do and allemande left,
swing your partner, bow to your corner.
Clap those hands and stamp those feet.
(continued on page 4)

God calls the square dance of our lives;
God swirls our varied colours like a kaleidoscope.
We dance our complex patterns to God's grand design.
Step into God's dance floor with a song in your heart
and a smile on your face,
for God loves a good time too.
God is in the sweat and the swinging,
in the sawdust and the singing.
God is the dance of life.
Whether you join the dance or sit on the sidelines,
the beat goes on,
and fills the night with music!
(based on Psalm 100)

SONG "As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here" vs. 1-3

1. As your family, Lord, meet us here, [X3]
O Lord, meet us here.

2. At your table, Lord, we are fed, [X3]
O Lord, feed us here.

3. Fill our spirits, Lord, with your love, [X3]
O Lord, with your love.

STORY TIME
(Children's activity sheets are available in the Foyer.
There are also Classrooms upstairs.)

SONG "As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here" vs. 4 & 5

4. Make us faithful, Lord, to your will [X3]
O, Lord, to your will.

5. **As your family, Lord, meet us here** [X3]
O, Lord, meet us here.

First LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Liz Hickey
CHOIR "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46 Sandy Corkum
SONG "I Will Change Your Name"

1. I will change your name,
you shall no longer be called
wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid.

I will change your name,
your new name shall be
confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one.
Faithfulness, friend of God,
one who seeks My face.
(D.J. Butler)

SERMON Jeff White
SILENT Meditation
OFFERING
*RESPONSE **What Can I do? What can I bring?**
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love
I'll do my share. [x2]
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CELEBRATION of Ministry
*HYMN 507 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear Thy voice, O Son of man!

2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of Thy tears.

5. O Master, from the mountain side,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;