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Christmas Week Schedule

Dec 26th - Boxing Day – No Service

Dec 30th - 8:00 am Trinity Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30 am Trinity Holy Communion (BCP)

December 25, 2018 is the 227th Anniversary

Of

Trinity's 1st Service on this site in 1791

10:30 am - Holy Communion - Trinity Church

Christmas Day

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN 137

What Child Is This?

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1-11

Cyrus Blanchet

PSALM 89:1-4,19-26

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THE EPISTLE Romans 16:25-27

Judi Harvey-Isaac

GRADUAL HYMN 136 While Shepherds Watched

vs 1-3

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

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GRADUAL HYMN 136 While Shepherds Watched

vs 4-6

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MESSAGE

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OFFERTORY HYMN 118 O Come All Ye Faithful

vs 1-5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer)*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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THE PEACE AND PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 146

Huron Carol

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BLESSING

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN 134

While By My Sheep

Trinity Church

1791 – 2018

On Christmas Day, December 25, 2018 the parishioners of Trinity Church (Anglican) will celebrate 227 years of faithful worship at 115 Charlotte Street, Saint John, N.B.

Trinity Church's beginnings date back to May 18, 1783 at the close of the Revolutionary War when approximately three thousand men, women and children – desired to retain their allegiance to the British Crown, sacrificed all their material belongings to make a new home on the nearest British territory – arriving in Saint John harbour on one of the twenty ships.

The city, originally named Parr Town in honour of Governor Parr of Nova Scotia, was later renamed St. John when it received its' charter. Saint John came from Champlain's naming of the St. John River during his June 24, 1604 expedition.

The first order of business for the new settlers, 1783 population recorded as being 5000, was to lay out the city lots with a primary focus on securing the site of the Anglican Church and associated Burial Ground.

Initial approach had the Anglican Church location on the south-west corner of Union Street, however this build was abandoned after a fire during construction.

The second approach resulted in the purchase of a framed building East side of Germain Street – Lot 121 between Duke and Queen Streets. This building although used, was not considered appropriate for its intended use and such was never consecrated or named.

The third and final approach resulted in acquiring the land that Trinity Church currently resides upon. In June 1788 two lots on Germain Street were gifted by General Coffin and John Cochran Esq. as well as two lots on Studholm (now known as Charlotte Street) by Thomas Whitlock Esq. who later would be name Vestryman / Warden of Trinity Church.

Trinity Church's cornerstone was laid by Right Reverend Charles Inglis D.D., Bishop of Nova Scotia and 1st Bishop of Colonial Church on August 20, 1788. The builders were Messrs. Bean and Dowling, the former becoming a member of Trinity Vestry.

The original Trinity Church was a wood framed structure consisting of the chancel, nave and two side aisles – built according to the means of the day respective on not burdening the parish with unwanted debt. This build was completed in 1791 and the 1st service used for Divine Worship was December 25, 1791. The first Rector for Trinity was Reverend Mather Byles, D.D. It is noted that Trinity was not outfitted with heating facilities until 1804 when they procured stoves.

Trinity Church was consecrated by Bishop Charles Inglis on Sunday August 19, 1792 and the 1st ordination recorded in New Brunswick was held on this day for Rev. Frederick Dibblee and Rev. Oliver Arnold.

Trinity Church nearly fell to an adjacent fire which destroyed the Commercial Hotel on February 27, 1849 which was located on the corner of King and Charlotte Streets as sparks ignited the tower. The damage was limited and the church proper was saved only to be involved in the Great Fire of June 20, 1877. The Great Fire broke out in the North-West portion of the city fueled by the wood framed buildings and promoted by the strong North-West wind. The last hour on Trinity Tower clock was 5pm.

Prior to the full loss of Trinity Church three items were saved, being the Historic Royal Coat of Arms (which currently is mounted on the west wall over the entrance doors), Holy Communion Set and the Parish Registers which were protected by a fire proof safe.

The current Trinity Church – built of Stone / masonry was consecrated on December 9, 1880 during the 11:00 am service.

We thank God for the faithful who at great risk of their lives, as they fled to this unknown land risking all, to honour the British Crown, were guided by Your Holy Spirit to establish Your Church here in our city to which those before us have faithfully shared your hope – peace - love – joy with all to which is our ministry going forward.

Note: facts and dates were provided from the book History of Trinity Church, Saint John, 1791-1891 compiled and edited by the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, D.D.