

# GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist: Mr John Ekin

Organ Prelude    *Air from Rinaldo* - Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Introit    Fountain of mercy, God of love (Nativity)

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 233 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe den Herren)

- 1 Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear;  
brothers and sisters, draw near,  
praise Him in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord,  
above all things so mightily reigning;  
keeping us safe at His side,  
and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
all you have needed has been  
met by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord,  
who shall prosper our work and defend us;  
surely His goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do  
who with His love will befriend us.

- 4 Praise to the Lord --  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the 'Amen!'  
sound from His people again --  
gladly we praise and adore Him!

*Joachim Neander, 1650-1680*  
*translated Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878*

### Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 541 I, the Lord of sea and sky (Here I am, Lord)

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark or sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.*  
*Is it I, Lord?*  
*I have heard You calling in the night.*  
*I will go, Lord,*  
*if You lead me.*  
*I will hold Your people in my heart.*

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1947*

Scripture Reading     Philippians 4:4-9

Prayer of Intercession

PRAISE 274    Tell me the old, old story

- 1 Tell me the old, old story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory,  
of Jesus and His love.  
Tell me the story simply,  
as to a little child;  
for I am weak and weary,  
and helpless, and defiled:

*Tell me the old, old story,  
tell me the old, old story,  
tell me the old, old story  
of Jesus and His love.*

- 2 Tell me the story slowly,  
that I may take it in, --  
that wonderful redemption,  
God's remedy for sin.  
Tell me the story often,  
for I forget too soon;  
the early dew of morning  
has passed away at noon:

- 3 Tell me the story softly,

with earnest tones and grave;  
remember, I'm the sinner  
whom Jesus came to save.  
Tell me the story always,  
if you would really be,  
in any time of trouble,  
a comforter to me:

- 4 Tell me the same old story  
when you have cause to fear  
that this world's empty glory  
is costing me too dear.  
Yes, and when that world's glory  
shall dawn upon my soul,  
tell me that old, old story,  
'Christ Jesus makes thee whole.'

*Arabella Catherine Hankey, 1834-1911*

Sermon            Ponder & Practice

PRAISE 567    Rise up, O Church of God! (Carlisle)

- 1 Rise up, O Church of God!  
Have done with lesser things;  
give heart and soul and mind and strength  
to serve the King of kings.
- 2 Rise up, O Church of God!  
His kingdom tarries long;  
bring in the day of righteousness  
and end the night of wrong.
- 3 Rise up, O Church of God!  
Must He for ever wait?  
His strength shall make your spirit strong  
in serving to be great.
- 4 Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where His feet have trod;  
as servants of the Son of Man

rise up, O Church of God.

*William Pierson Merrill, 1867-1954*

Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Postlude    Trumpet Voluntary – John Stanley