

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 19th December

Conducted by Mrs Sylvia Santos Bryce (Deaconess)
& Rev. Denis Campbell
Organist: Isabel Keenan

Preludes

Mary did you know (Played via the sound system)

Mrs Sylvia Santos Bryce

Reflection

Welcome

PRAISE 328 O come all ye faithful

1 O come, all you faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come now, O come now, to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of
angels:

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

2 God from God,
Light from light,

He who abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation!
Sing, all you citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest!'

4 Yes, Lord, we greet You,
born for our salvation; *
Jesus, to You be glory given!
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the fourth Candle in Advent – Love

Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE VIDEO Shine from the inside out

(Girls & boys leave)

Announcements Clerk of Session – Mr Alastair McQuoid

Anthem Carols sing

Rev. Denis Campbell

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

Prayer of Intercession

PRAISE 307 As with gladness men of old

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious God, may we
led by You forever be.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
You whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with one accord
seek forgiveness from our Lord.

3 As they offered gifts most rare,
gold and frankincense and myrrh;
so may we, cleansed from our sin,
lives of service now begin,
as in love our treasures bring,
Christ, to You our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,

bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Your glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
You its light, its joy, its crown,
You its sun which goes not down:
there for ever may we sing
Hallelujahs to our King.

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon The Christ Child is a gift for all

PRAISE 323 In the bleak mid winter

1 In the bleak mid-winter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter
long ago.

2 Heaven cannot hold Him,
nor the earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when He comes to reign:
in the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
God, the Lord Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

3 Enough for Him whom cherubim
worship night and day --
a breastful of milk
and a manger full of hay;
enough for Him whom angels
fall down before --
the wise men and the shepherds
who adore!

4 What can I give Him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him --
give my heart.

Benediction

Postludes

Announcements

Registration for Sunday Worship continues.

Face masks should be worn throughout the service
except for those leading from the front.

Wednesday

The **Church building** is open for private prayer 10.00am
– Noon

Gifts for **Storehouse**. Please note there will be no
collections this Wednesday 22nd & 29th December 2021.
Collections will resume on Wednesday 5th January 2022.
The **Church Office** will close this Wednesday, and
re-open on Tuesday 4th January.

Christmas Day Service. There will be no service on
Christmas Day. However, the service on **Sunday 26th
December** will be at **10.30am** and will be in a similar
format to the usual Christmas morning Service. Girls and
boys, please bring along some toys to show to Rev. Paul!

Elders and District Representatives are currently
distributing **Voting Lists** for the election of new elders,
and you are being invited to make five proposals. Please
ensure that you do not propose the name of any current
elder. If you have any difficulty with this process, please
speak to your elder.

For some time now Margaret Chestnutt has very kindly
transported our **Storehouse** gifts from the church each
week to the depot in Balloo. This job had also previously
been carried out faithfully by Sheelagh Dalzell. Margaret is
stepping down from this job and we thank her for all the
great work she has done. We hope to appoint a small
team of volunteers to carry on the work on a rota basis,
say each person doing 1 or 2 months per annum. If you
would like to be part of the team please use the sign-up
sheet which is located in the vestibule. Help is obviously
needed to carry on this important outreach.

Rev Paul and Catherine Dalzell wish to thank the
members of the congregation for their good wishes, and
wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

When exiting please wait to be invited to leave by the
stewards.

PLEASE CONTACT JULIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
WITH ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS –
Julie's days/hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8.45am – 1.45pm