

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday 9th June 2024 at 11am
Conducted by Rev. Denis Campbell
Organist: Mr Ivan Millen

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 27 Lord of all being throned afar

- 1 Lord of all being, throned afar,
Your glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of every sphere,
and yet to loving hearts how near.
- 2 Sun of our life, Your living ray
sheds on our path the glow of day;
star of our hope, Your gentle light
shall ever cheer the longest night.
- 3 Our midnight is Your smile withdrawn,
our noontide is Your gracious dawn,
our rainbow arch Your mercy's sign;
all, but the clouds of sin, divine.
- 4 Lord of all life, below, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love;
before the brilliance of Your throne
we ask no lustre of our own.
- 5 Give us Your grace to make us true,

and kindling hearts that burn for You,
till all Your living altars claim
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 211 I will sing the wondrous story

- 1 I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me --
how He left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me --
sing it with His saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.
- 2 I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but His presence still is with me,
by His guiding hand I'm led.
- 3 He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then He'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me --
sing it with His saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

Scripture Reading Job 19: 21-27 (read by Stewart Holland)

Anthem There is a hope

Scripture Reading John 9: 1-12

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE 464 He lives in us, the Christ of God

- 1 He lives in us, the Christ of God,
His Spirit joins with ours;
He brings to us the Father's grace
with powers beyond our powers.
So when enticing sin grows strong,
when human nature fails,
God's Spirit in our inner self
fights for us, and prevails.
- 2 Our pangs of guilt and fears of death
are Satan's stratagems --
by Jesus Christ who died for us
God pardons; who condemns?
And when we cannot feel our faith,
nor bring ourselves to pray,
the Spirit pleads with God for us
in words we could not say.
- 3 God gave the Son to save us all --
no greater love is known!
And shall that love abandon us
who have become Christ's own?
For God has raised Him from the grave,
in this we stand assured;
so none can tear us from God's love
in Jesus Christ the Lord.

SERMON

PRAISE 486 Amazing grace
(*Girls and boys come in from Kidszone*)

- 1 Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound --
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 God's grace first taught my heart to fear,
His grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through every danger, trial and snare
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
my shield and stronghold He shall be
as long as life endures.
- 5 And when this earthly life is past,
and mortal cares shall cease,
I shall possess with Christ at last
eternal joy and peace.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE VIDEO When I look up

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY & 16th June – Fiona McCreedy, Sylvia Nelson and Joyce Currie

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY & 16th June – Elaine Nixon Shepherd and Ann Williams

23rd & 30th June – Lowry and June Manson

Elders and Elder's Assistants: Flyers for the opening weekend are available for collection today from your pigeon holes, for distribution in your district.

The **Leisure Group Tuesday walks** continue this Tuesday evening, leaving the Walter Nelson Hall at 7.00pm sharp. Everyone welcome.

Rev. Paul Dalzell will be on annual leave until Wednesday 19th June.

If you need pastoral care please contact our Clerk of Session, Dr Michael Steele, or our Pastoral Assistant, Rev Denis Campbell.

The services on Sunday's 9th & 16th June will be conducted by Rev. Denis Campbell.

Wednesday

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

Gifts for Storehouse can be left 10.00am – Noon.

Please remember to donate as all the cupboard essentials are very much appreciated.

Supplies can be left in the trolley in the foyer either on Wednesday morning or before the Sunday service.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Choir practices are now finished until September EXCEPT there will be two special practices on Thursday 20th June and Thursday 27th June in preparation for the Praise Service planned for Sunday morning 30th June 2024.

Advance Notice:

Official Opening of the Refurbished Hall Complex: We are planning a special weekend of events at the end of June to celebrate the completion of our hall complex refurbishment.

On Saturday 29th June there will be an open day from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. when everyone from church and community are welcome to come and view the new facilities. Free refreshments will be served all day and folk can relax and chat to friends. The Newtownards Silver Band will be performing in the car park from 2:30 – 4.00pm

On Sunday 30th June there will be a Praise Service in the church with invited guests and a special programme of music.

The official opening and dedication will take place immediately after the service and this will be performed by Mrs C. J. Champion DL, Vice Lord Lieutenant of County Down and our minister, Rev P. T. Dalzell. There will be a congregational lunch served in the church halls for members and guests afterwards.

In order to estimate numbers for catering, **we would be grateful if you could use the sign-up sheets** in the vestibule to confirm your attendance at the lunch and how many will be in your party. Many thanks. (Dr Michael Steele)

PARKING AT THE CHURCH & HALLS.

This is a gentle reminder that parking in the CHURCH CARPARK is mainly for those folk who have mobility problems (Blue Badge Holders).

The newly refurbished HALL CARPARK is now open again and drivers are kindly requested to park along the boundary wall side, rather than next to the new glazed ENTRANCE FOYER. Thank you. Lowry Manson

The Kirk Session are developing a **new church website** which is due to be launched in June.

To populate the site with new images the Session has asked some photographers to take photographs in and around our church services.

If you do not wish your image to be used please speak to or contact Rev Paul Dalzell, Michael Steele or Fiona McCreedy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note the Kirk Session has agreed, as part of our **safeguarding policy**, that in all public services of worship no photographs or videos may be taken without prior permission being sought and received from the Kirk Session.

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