

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 11th August 2024 at 11am

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist: Mr John McIlwaine

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 182 My God, how wonderful you are

- 1 My God, how wonderful You are,
Your majesty how bright;
how beautiful Your mercy seat
in depths of burning light!
- 2 How awesome Your eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
by angel spirits day and night
incessantly adored!
- 3 O how I fear You, living God,
with deepest, tenderest fears,
and worship You with trembling hope
and penitential tears!
- 4 Yet I may love You too, O Lord,
almighty King of kings,
for You have stooped to ask of me
the love my poor heart brings.
- 5 No earthly father loves like You,
no mother, e'er so mild,

is patient, Lord, as You have been
with me Your sinful child.

- 6 How beautiful, how beautiful
the sight of You must be,
Your endless wisdom, boundless power,
and awesome purity!

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 445 All hail the power of Jesus' name

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Before Him angels fall,
before Him angels fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him, crown Him,
and crown Him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown Him, you martyrs of our God,
who for His justice call,
who for His justice call;
exalt the One whose path you trod,
- 3 Descendants of His chosen race,
redeemed from Adam's fall,
redeemed from Adam's fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace,
- 4 Let every people, nation, tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe

Scripture Reading Psalm 50

Anthem

Intercessory Prayer

Scripture Reading James 1:19-27

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.'

SERMON Dead Religion

PRAISE 598 O Master Christ, draw near to take
(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)

- 1 O Master Christ, draw near to take
Your undisputed place;
my gifts and faculties remake,
form and re-fashion for Your sake
an instrument of peace.
- 2 O Master Christ, I choose to sow
in place of hatred, love;
where wounds and injuries are now
may healing and forgiveness grow
as gifts from God above.
- 3 O Master Christ, I choose to plant
hope where there is despair;
a warmth of joy, a shaft of light
where darkness has diminished sight,
where sorrow leaves its scar.
- 4 O Master Christ, make this my goal --
less to receive than give;

to sympathise -- and to make whole,
to understand and to console
and so, through death, to live.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE VIDEO The wise man built his house upon the
rock

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY – Julie Steele and Sylvia Nelson
18th & 25th August – Audrey Thomas and Sharon Goldie

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY – Alastair Boyle and Margaret McCreedy
18th & 25th August – Chris Thompson and Lynda Walsh

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

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.

'Wednesday Welcome':- The Hub will be open every Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 12 noon for anyone from the church and surrounding community to drop in for a cup of coffee and light refreshments. There will be a warm welcome for all and an opportunity to meet neighbours and make new friends.

There will be two members of the congregation there to host this event and it will be known as the 'Wednesday Welcome'. It will also coincide with the opening of the church for private prayer and leaving in gifts for Storehouse.

Summer Coffee Mornings:- Our popular summer coffee mornings will now take place again in The Hub every Saturday from 10.30 to 12 noon.

Come and enjoy coffee/tea and scones and bring your friends! We look forward to seeing you next Saturday.

Coffee/Tea After Sunday Worship:- Everyone is invited over to The Hub to meet up and chat after our morning worship.

This will initially be held on the last Sunday of every month and may increase in frequency in the Autumn. The first gathering will be held on Sunday 28th July.

Other activities including a monthly men's event are planned to start in September. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Election of New Congregational Committee

The Kirk Session has agreed that an election of a new Congregational Committee, comprising 20 persons, will take place in August, with votes being counted on Tuesday 10th September by the Kirk Session.

In preparation for this a list of all qualified voters will be drawn up (in simple terms qualified voters are those who are communicant members who contributed in 2023 or if only

joining in 2024 as communicant members have contributed in this year) and will be available on the next two Sundays, 11th & 18th August in the church vestibule for you to check.

Following this, the elders will deliver the voting papers to qualified voters with instructions to mark the names of those for whom they vote (up to 20); The persons having the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected and will be contacted to ascertain if they are willing to serve.

Volunteer Drivers: We have a small number of members in our congregation who can no longer drive. We are looking for any volunteer drivers that might be able to help transport these folk to Sunday worship or other events such as the summer coffee mornings or Wednesday Welcome. If you could help, even on an occasional basis, please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or alternatively contact our clerk, Michael Steele or Mr Mervyn Nelson for more information. Thank you.

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.

Our **NEW WEBSITE** is now live! You will find it at www.groomspresbyterian.com. Scan the QR to take a look.



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