

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 18th August 2024 at 11am

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Pianist: Miss Gillian McCutcheon

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit We love the place, O God

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 77 A gladsome hymn of praise we sing,

- 1 A gladsome hymn of praise we sing,
and thankfully we gather
to bless the love of God above,
our everlasting Father.
- 2 In Him rejoice with heart and voice,
His glory fading never,
whose providence is our defence,
who lives and loves for ever.
- 3 Full in His sight His children stand,
by His strong arm defended,
and He whose wisdom guides the world
our footsteps has attended.
- 4 For nothing falls unknown to Him --
or care or joy or sorrow;
and He, whose mercy ruled the past,
will be our stay tomorrow.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**PRAISE 376 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer
(first 2 verses)**

(Children come in from Kidszone)

- 1 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer
we bring before Your face;
let them Your covenant mercies share
and save them by Your grace.

- 2 Such little ones in Your embrace
You took while here below;
to us and ours, O God of grace,
the same compassion show.

Baptism & singing of the Aaronic Blessing 288 *The Lord
bless you*

Prayer

PRAISE 376 (Last two verses)

(Children return to Kidszone)

- 3 O Lord, Your infant feet were found
within Your Father's shrine:
Your years with changeless virtue crowned
were all alike divine:

- 4 Dependent on Your bounteous breath
we seek Your grace alone,
in childhood, manhood, age and death,
to keep us still Your own.

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 read by
Fiona McCreedy

Anthem He will hold me fast (*congregation sing 3rd verse*)

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

*He will hold me fast
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For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

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Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE I stand amazed in the presence

1. I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.
*How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful
is my Savior's love for me!*
2. For me it was in the garden
he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."

He had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.
(Refrain)

3. He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary,
and suffered and died alone.
(Refrain)

4. When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages
to sing of his love for me.
(Refrain)

SERMON How we should treat children

PRAISE 95 Now thank we all our God
(Children come in from Kidszone)

1 Now thank we all our God
 with hearts and hands and voices;
 such wonders He has done!
 In Him the world rejoices,
 who, from our mothers' arms,
 has blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love
 and still is ours today.

2 So may this generous God
 through all our life be near us:
 to fill our hearts with joy
 and with His peace to cheer us;
 to keep us in His grace
 and guide us when perplexed;

to free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

- 3 All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given --
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore --
for so it was, is now
and shall be evermore. Amen.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE 556 Father I place into your hands

- 1 Father, I place into Your hands
the things that I can't do.
Father, I place into Your hands
the times that I've been through.
Father, I place into Your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust You.
- 2 Father, I place into Your hands
my friends and family.
Father, I place into Your hands
the things that trouble me.
Father, I place into Your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust You.
- 3 Father, we love to seek Your face,
we love to hear Your voice.
Father, we love to sing Your praise,

and in Your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with You
and in Your presence rest,
for we know we always can trust You.

- 4 Father, I want to be with You
and do the things You do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that You are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that You will draw to You,
for I know that I am one with You.

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we have the **baptism** of the daughter of
Mr & Mrs Matt McGovern.
We especially welcome friends and family who are
worshipping with us today for Mia's baptism.

Kidszone Rota

TODAY & 25th August – Audrey Thomas and Sharon Goldie
1st & 8th September – Fiona McCreedy and Sylvia Nelson

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY & 25th August – Chris Thompson and Lynda Walsh
1st & 8th September – Ian and Anne McDonald

Rev. Denis & Hilary Campbell have invited Rev. Paul and
Catherine to stay with them for a few days in Amsterdam.

If you need a minister from tomorrow evening (Monday 19th August) until Friday evening (23rd August) please contact your elder or the church office.

Election of New Congregational Committee

The Kirk Session has agreed that an election of a new Congregational Committee, comprising 20 persons, will take place. A list of qualified voters is on display in the vestibule for you to check and today is the last opportunity for you to do this. (In simple terms, qualified voters are those who are communicant members who contributed to FWO in 2023 or if only joining in 2024 as communicant members, have contributed this year). **Voting papers will be available for Elders to collect from the church this coming Wednesday 21st August.** There will be instructions attached to each paper explaining the election process. **Please note, no more than 20 people on the list should receive a vote or this will render the voting paper invalid.** All voting papers should be returned to the church and placed in the designated boxes in the vestibule. **The deadline for returns is Sunday 8th September.** The votes will be counted by the Kirk Session on Tuesday 10th September. The persons having the highest number of votes will be deemed elected and will be contacted to ascertain if they are willing to serve. Thank you. (Dr Michael Steele, Clerk of Session).

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

Wednesday

Private Prayer:- Our church is open for private prayer and quiet reflection every Wednesday morning.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact our minister Rev. Paul Dalzell or leave a message with our church secretary. Up-to-date contact details are on our Website or in the latest edition of the Eagle Wing newsletter. Contact

numbers for Elders or their Assistants are in the Church Directory.

Storehouse:- Gifts for Storehouse can be left in to the church on Wednesday morning (10 - 12 noon) or before Sunday Worship. Please continue to donate the usual cupboard items but keep an eye on our Facebook page or Website for any specific appeals. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

'Wednesday Welcome':- The Hub is open every Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 12 noon. Anyone is welcome to call in for a cup of coffee/tea and light refreshments. This is a chance to make new friends or just relax with a book or newspaper. A warm welcome is assured.

Summer Coffee Mornings:- Our summer coffee mornings are continuing to be held in The Hub every Saturday morning from 10:30 - 12 noon. Come and enjoy tea/coffee and scones and bring your friends! Specialty coffees are also available from our new dispensing machine in the foyer.

Coffee/Tea after Sunday Worship: We will have another opportunity to meet after church for tea/coffee and chat **next Sunday 25th August**. Everyone is invited over to The Hub immediately after worship for this short time of fellowship together. It is perhaps a chance for us to get to know some of our fellow members a bit better. Visitors are particularly welcome and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you.

Eagle Wing Celebration 6th - 8th September 2024.

Programmes for the weekend activities are available in the vestibule.

Eagle Wing concert will be held on the Saturday evening in the Walter Nelson Hall - tickets cost £10 and can be purchased from Audrey Thomas, Sharon Goldie or Elaine

Nixon. Tickets for other events can be purchased at Cockle Row cottages.

Something New! Hobby Hub commencing Thursday 12th September 2-4pm in the Hub. This is an opportunity for fun and fellowship while sharing interests and skills in a safe and relaxed setting. There will be some activities for you to join in with or bring along your own craft project whether it is knitting, crochet, sewing, drawing, card making etc. You can enjoy a game of chess, draughts or other board games or join others to build a jigsaw. The options are endless! Hobby Hub is for anyone in the community to come along. (Refreshments will be available). We pray this new venture will evolve and grow in the coming months.

Volunteer Drivers:- If you are able to help with giving someone a lift to church or other church activities, even on an occasional basis, please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Alternatively, speak to our Clerk, Dr 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.