

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday 25th August 2024 at 11am
Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell
Organist: Mr Ivan Millen**

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 218 Let all the world in every corner sing

- 1 Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'

- 2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'
The Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE Psalm 121 I to the hills will lift mine eyes

- 1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
from whence doth come mine aid.
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heaven and earth hath made.
- 2 Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.
- 3 The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay:
the moon by night thee shall not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.
- 4 The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
preserve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:1-14 read by Chris Thompson

Anthem How lovely on the mountains

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE 409 In the cross of Christ I glory

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,

never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.
- 5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

SERMON Faith or works of the law?

PRAISE 72 My faith looks up to thee
(Children come in from Kidszone)

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.
- 2 May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,

a living fire.

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.

- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE 561 Jesus bids us shine

- 1 Jesus bids us shine
with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle
burning in the night.
In this world is darkness;
so let us shine,
you in your small corner,
and I in mine.

- 2 Jesus bids us shine,
first of all for Him;
well He sees and knows it,
if our light grows dim.

He looks down from heaven
to see us shine,
you in your small corner,
and I in mine.

- 3 Jesus bids us shine,
then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness
in the world are found --
sin and want and sorrow;
so we must shine,
you in your small corner,
and I in mine.

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

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

Porch Duty Rota

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

The **Church Office** will be open this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please note the slight change in days.

Coffee/Tea after Sunday Worship: We will have another opportunity to meet after church for tea/coffee TODAY. 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.

Election of New Congregational Committee

Voting papers are now available in the church vestibule for elders to collect and distribute.

All voting papers should be returned to the church and placed in the designated boxes in the vestibule by 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** meet this Tuesday for their final summer walk of the season, leaving the Walter Nelson Hall at 7.00pm sharp. Everyone welcome.

They begin their new season on Tuesday 3rd September, at 7.15pm. Old and new members will be made very welcome.

The **Tuesday Club** meet for their AGM on 3rd September. There will be two reports - general and financial - and an update on our programme for next year.

There is a meeting of the **Property Committee** on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.00pm in the Archie Agnew Hall.

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.

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 come along your own ideas, whether it is knitting, crochet, sewing, drawing 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.

Eagle Wing Newsletter: It is almost time for our autumn issue.

All articles should be submitted no later than 15th September.

Contributions can be sent to Rev Paul Dalzell on eaglewing@pauldalzell.uk

or to Julie at the church office on office@groomsportpresbyterian.com.

As many as possible are encouraged to contribute, perhaps those from our church organisations or committees who might like to update the church on what is taking place.