

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 4th August 2024 at 11am

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist: Mr John McIlwaine

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 25 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed and glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting or wasting, You rule in Your might,
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
like torrents your fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all things, life giving, to great and to small,
in all ever-living, the true life of all;
we blossom, then perish, as leaves on a tree,
but You ever flourish and always shall be.
- 4 Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all praise we shall render; make this Your decree:
that You in Your splendour we ever shall see.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 426 We sing the praise of him who died

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died,
of Him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope though all deride,
for this we count the world but loss.
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.
- 3 The cross! it takes our guilt away;
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup;
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:
- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:1-10

Anthem

Intercessory Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20

PRAISE 527 The Lord's my shepherd... and I will trust

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

- 2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
- 3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

SERMON God sees and hears, and he cares

PRAISE 523 O Love, that wilt not let me go
(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)

- 1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee:
I give Thee back the life I owe
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.
- 2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day

may brighter, fairer be.

- 3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.
- 4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE 250 I can talk to God

- 1 I can talk to God,
He will hear my prayers.
I can talk to God,
for I know He cares.
He will listen when I say,
'Thank You for Your love today,
for Your help in every way,
oh, thank You, God.'
- 2 I can talk to God,
He will hear my prayers.
I can talk to God,
for I know He cares.
He will listen when I say,
'I have done wrong things today,
please forgive me now I pray,
forgive me, God.'

3 I can talk to God,
He will hear my prayers.
I can talk to God,
for I know He cares.
He will listen when I say,
'Please help all my friends today,
help them in their work and play,
please help them, God.

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY & 11th August – Julie Steele and Sylvia Nelson
18th & 25th August – Audrey Thomas and Sharon Goldie

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY & 11th August – Alastair Boyle and Margaret
McCreedy
18th & 25th August – Chris Thompson and Lynda Walsh

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.

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

The **Church Office** is now closed as Julie is on holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday 13th August.

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.

Our next meeting of **The Tuesday Club** will be on 6th August at 2.00 pm when HM Coastguard will be paying us another visit at their request. This will be an open meeting so if you are interested, please come along.

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 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.

Bangor Worldwide Mission Convention:- This popular annual event will be held again from Friday 16th - Saturday 24th August. This is an opportunity to learn more about the wider mission of our church. For the full programme, please lift one of the leaflets in the foyer. Thank you.

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.

Our **NEW WEBSITE** is now live! You will find it at www.groomsportpresbyterian.com.

Scan the QR to take a look.



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