

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday 1st September 2024
Conducted by Rev Paul Dalzell
Organist: Mr John McIlwaine

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

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Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 7 When morning gilds the skies

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
I find my Lord is there;
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 To God, the Word, on high
the hosts of angels cry:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3 Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

- 4 The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this glad song they hear,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 5 Does sadness fill my mind?
My strength in Him I find;
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When earthly hopes grow dim
my comfort is in Him:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 6 Be this, while life is mine,
my hymn of love divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 74 Rock of ages cleft for me

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
hide me now, my refuge be;
let the water and the blood
from Your wounded side which flowed,
be for sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.
- 2 Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil Your law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:

You must save and You alone.

- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Your cross I cling;
naked, come to You for dress,
helpless, look to You for grace;
stained by sin, to You I cry:
'Wash me, Saviour, or I die!'
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through realms unknown,
bow before the judgement throne:
hide me then, my refuge be,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me.

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-5

Anthem There is a hope

Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-6 read by Maureen Irwin

Prayer of Intercession

PRAISE 257 What a friend we have in Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear --
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness --
take it to the Lord in prayer!

- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
burdened with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you,
you will find His comfort there.

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:1-9

Sermon Revelation & Response

PRAISE 521 O for a heart to praise my God. (St Etheldreda)
(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)

- 1 O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free,
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood
so freely shed for me;
- 2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone;
- 3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean;
which neither life nor death can part
from Him who dwells within;

- 4 A heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine;
perfect, and right, and pure, and good,
Your life revealed in mine.
- 5 Your nature, gracious Lord, impart;
come quickly from above,
write Your new name upon my heart,
Your own great name of love.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE 642 The Church is wherever God's people are praising.

- 1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing their thanks for joy on this day.
The Church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember His story and walk in His way.
- 2 The Church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The Church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

Benediction & Choral Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY & 8th September – Fiona McCreedy and
Sylvia Nelson

15th & 2nd September – Elaine Nixon Shepherd and
Janet Wilson

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY & 8th September – Ian and Anne McDonald

15th & 22nd September – Fred Lindsay and Alan Chestnutt

Election of New Congregational Committee

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

The **Tuesday Club** meet this Tuesday for their AGM. 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** this 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.

Choir Practices resume this Wednesday 4th September 2024 (thereafter on the usual Thursday evenings). At the conclusion of this practice, we will have a cup of tea, chat and our AGM.

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.

There is a **Tai Chi Beginners Class** starting in The Hub on Monday 9th September at 10.00am, running for six weeks. An **Improvers Class** also begins on Thursday 19th September at 2.30pm and runs until 24th October.

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@groomspresbyterian.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.

Men's Event - Friday 20th September 10:30 a.m. Following the men's group meeting in June, we would like to follow this up with a September sequel on

Friday 20th with the hope that this will become a regular event. On this occasion we would like to gather items of value to 'Tools for Solidarity'. Lawnmowers, sewing machines and assorted small tools are among the items which are to be sent to Tanzania later in September. If you can help with this that would be great. Please feel free to come to this men's event whether or not you have tools to give. Tea and coffee will be available and it will also be an opportunity to plan out future events. We look forward to seeing you then.

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.