

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday 8th September 2024
Conducted by Rev Paul Dalzell
Organist: Mr John McIlwaine

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 33 O worship the King

- 1 O worship the King, all-glorious above;
O gratefully sing His power and His love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise!
- 2 O tell of His might! O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your power has founded of old,
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
our maker, defender, redeemer and friend!
- 6 O measureless might! O infinite love!
While angels delight to praise You above,
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
with true adoration shall sing to Your praise!

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 487 And can it be

- 1 And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?

*Amazing love! how can it be
that You, my God, should die for me?*

- 2 What mystery here! the Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the highest angel tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
What mercy this! let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
- 3 He left His Father's throne above --
so free, so infinite His grace --
humbled Himself in all His love
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
What mercy this, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
then shone Your glorious gospel ray;
I woke! the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off; my heart was new,
I rose, went forth and followed You!

5 No condemnation now I dread!
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Scripture Reading Exodus 19:1-8 read by Alastair McQuoid

Anthem When peace like a river

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:10-25

Prayer of Intercession

PRAISE 475 O breath of life, come sweeping through us

1 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive Your Church with life and power;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit Your Church to meet this hour.

2 O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in Your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

3 O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,

revive Your Church in every part.

- 4 Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip Your Church to spread the light.

Sermon The law and the promise

PRAISE 643 We have heard the joyful sound
(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)

- 1 We have heard a joyful sound:
Jesus saves!
Spread the gladness all around:
Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
send it out across the waves;
Onward! at our Lord's command:
Jesus saves!
- 2 Send it on the rolling tide:
Jesus saves!
Tell to sinners far and wide,
Jesus saves!
Sing, you islands of the sea;
echo back, you ocean caves;
earth shall keep her jubilee:
Jesus saves!
- 3 Sing above the battle's strife:
Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life
Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom,
when the heart for mercy craves;

sing in triumph o'er the tomb:
Jesus saves!

- 4 Give the winds a mighty voice:
Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice:
Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free,
that every land may hear God's praise;
this our song of victory:
Jesus saves!

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE VIDEO One more step...

Benediction & Choral Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY – Fiona McCreedy and Sylvia Nelson

15th September – Janet Wilson and Karen McCreedy

22nd September – Janet Wilson and Elaine Nixon Shepherd

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY – Ian and Anne McDonald

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

There is a **Tai Chi Beginners Class** starting in The Hub tomorrow morning, Monday 9th September at 10.00am, running for six weeks. Cost is per class is £6. The advice is to wear loose, comfortable clothes and bring water.

The **Leisure Group** continues this Tuesday 10th September, at 7.15pm. Old and new members will be made very 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. There is a specific need at present for the following items: tinned meats, meals, snacks, and tomatoes. Tomato ketchup and brown sauce, jam, Fray Bentos pies, long life milk, toothpaste, size 7 nappies, biscuits, and long life bags. 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 continue this Thursday evening.

Summer Coffee Morning: 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.

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 next Sunday 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.

The **BB** will restart on Monday 16th September at 7.00pm in the Walter Nelson Hall. Boys aged 5 to 11 will be very welcome to come along and join in with the fun activities and games.

The Badminton Club starts up again on Wednesday 18th September at 10.00am. New and existing members are very welcome.

Bowling Club for 2024/25 season recommences on Wednesday 18th September in Walter Nelson Hall at 7.15pm. Old & new members will be made very welcome.

An **Improvers Tai Chi Class** begins on Thursday 19th

September at 2.30pm and runs until 24th October.
Cost is £6 per class.

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.

For PW ladies

An invitation was received from the PW of 1st Presbyterian Church Bangor to a visitor's evening on Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 7.30pm in the church.

The speaker will be a representative of the Prison Fellowship (PFNI). This is one of the PW's special home projects for the coming year. If you plan to attend, please advise Jennifer Boyd as the church would like numbers for catering purposes.

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.