

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF SERVICE  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Conducted by Rev Denis Campbell  
Organist: Mr Ivan Millen**

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

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Scripture Sentences

PRAISE Psalm 145 (2nd version)

O Lord thou art my God and King verses 1-6

1. O Lord, thou art my God and King;  
thee will I magnify and praise:  
I will thee bless, and gladly sing unto  
Thy holy name always.
2. Each day I rise I will thee bless,  
and praise thy name time without end.
3. Much to be praised, and great God is;  
His greatness none can comprehend.
4. Race shall thy works praise unto race,  
the mighty acts show done by thee
5. I will speak of the glorious grace,  
and honour of thy majesty;  
thy wondrous works I will record.
6. By men the might shall be extolled  
of all thy dreadful acts, O Lord;

and I thy greatness will unfold.

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 488 As the deer pants for the water

- 1 As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.*

- 2 I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.
- 3 You're my friend and You are my brother,  
even though You are a king.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 – read by Maureen Stewart

## Prayer of Intercession

Scripture Reading Mark 10:45-52

PRAISE 75 Today your mercy calls us

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us

to wash away our sin,  
however great our trespass,  
whatever we have been;  
however long from mercy  
our hearts have turned away,  
Your blood, O Christ, can cleanse us  
and set us free today.

2 Today Your gate is open,  
and all who enter in  
shall find a father's welcome  
and pardon for their sin;  
the past shall be forgotten,  
a present joy be given,  
a future grace be promised,  
a glorious crown in heaven.

3 Today the Father calls us;  
the Holy Spirit moves;  
the Son has given His lifeblood  
for every soul He loves.  
No question will be asked us  
why we so late have come,  
or why we always wandered:  
this is our Father's home!

4 O all-embracing mercy!  
O ever-open door!  
What shall we do without You,  
how can we ask for more?  
When all things seem against us,  
to drive us to despair,  
we know one gate is open,  
and You will hear our prayer.

Sermon    The Merciful Christ

PRAISE 491 Be thou my vision  
*(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)*

- 1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- 2 Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true heir;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I in Thy care.
- 3 Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;  
be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower,  
raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance through all my days;  
Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art!
- 5 High King of heaven, when the battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE 29 My God is so big, so strong and so mighty

- 1 My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

The rivers are His, the mountains are His,  
the stars are His handiwork too.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

2 My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

He's called you to live, for Him every day,  
in all that you say and you do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
He can do all things through you.

Benediction & Choral Amen

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Kidszone Rota**

TODAY & 6<sup>th</sup> October – Catherine Dalzell and Chloe McCormick

### **Porch Duty Rota**

TODAY – Howard McCutcheon and Ian Wilson

6<sup>th</sup> October – Valerie McCutcheon and Ian Wilson

**Notice to Elders and Assistants:** Communion Tokens and the Autumn edition of the Eagle Wing Newsletter are available today for distribution to your districts. Many thanks for your assistance. Dr Michael Steele, Clerk of Session.

**Coffee/Tea after Sunday Worship:** Everyone is invited over to The Hub immediately after worship this morning for a 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.

**Rev. Paul Dalzell will be on holiday** until this Thursday 3rd October. If you need pastoral care please contact the Clerk of

Session.

**Tai Chi Beginners Classes** continue in The Hub on Monday mornings at 10.00am. An **Improvers Class** continues on a Thursday at 2.30pm and runs until 24<sup>th</sup> October. Cost again is £6 per class.

The next meeting of the **Tuesday Club** will be this Tuesday 1st October at 2.00pm when our speaker will be Oliver Hull. Tickets are on sale for the Tuesday Club Christmas show, which is an open meeting. 100 tickets available at £10 each. Ring Mary on 028 9147 4098 if you would like to attend.

**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.

**Storehouse**:- Gifts for Storehouse can be left in to the church on Wednesday morning (10 - 12 noon) or before Sunday Worship.

**Currently there is a real need for the following items: tinned meats and sweetcorn, long life milk, jam, size 7 nappies and shampoo.** Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**'Wednesday Welcome'**:- The Hub is open on a Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 12 noon. Anyone is welcome to call in, a warm welcome is assured.

**Something New! Hobby Hub** continues this Thursday, 2-4pm in the Hub.

This is an opportunity for fun and fellowship while sharing interests and skills in a safe and relaxed setting. Please come along and support this new venture.

Feel free to invite family and friends. We pray this will evolve and grow in the coming months.

The **Leisure Group Coffee Morning** will take place this Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 until 12.00. Everyone welcome.

**Communion Service**: Our Autumn communion service will take place next Sunday morning, 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that Kidzone will be held in the Archie Agnew Hall. The children should be collected from there after the end of the service. Thank you.

## **Bible Characters & Their Prayers**

**Prayer & Bible Study** – Commencing on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Over a series of 4 Wednesday evenings, we will consider different aspects of prayer as seen in Abraham, Moses, Nehemiah and Daniel. If you would like to attend you will be made very welcome as we explore God's Word and share together.

**Harvest Services:** Our Harvest Services this year take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. As before, we would ask members of the congregation to donate gifts of pot- plants, flowers and other appropriate items to decorate our church for these services. These should be left down at the church from 9:30 a.m. on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Could we also invite members to leave in items that can be donated to Storehouse North Down. Our morning service will be led by Rev Dalzell and our organist and choir are working hard in preparation for this important annual event in our church calendar.

Our evening service will be at 7:00 pm. and our guest preacher will be Rev Elliot Swattridge. After the service, the congregation is invited over to our church hall where light refreshments will be served. We would request that Elders remain behind to collect gifts for distribution before going over to the church hall.

Please note that Rev Dalzell will be preaching at the **evening Harvest Service in the Parish Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6 p.m.** All our members are invited to join our neighbours in the Parish for this service. Thank you.

**A Right Royal Afternoon Tea** – Hosted by the Mission Committee in the Archie Agnew Room on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30 p.m. Guest Speaker – Rev. Derek Kerr. Please come along and support this event which should be a fun day. Rev Derek Kerr is a renowned royal enthusiast and entertaining speaker. Proceeds will be in aid of 'Open Doors' supporting persecuted Christians around the world. Tickets available from members of the mission committee or church office- Price £10. If anyone has a spare cake stand that we could borrow for the day, please let us know. 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

