

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 16th February 2025 at 11am

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist: Rev. Noel Williamson

Welcome & Announcements

Introit All things praise thee, Lord most high

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE Psalm 92 verses 1-4 To render thanks unto the Lord

1. To render thanks unto the Lord
it is a comely thing,
and to thy name, O thou Most High,
due praise aloud to sing:
2. thy loving-kindness to show forth
when shines the morning light;
and to declare thy faithfulness
with pleasure every night,
3. upon a ten-stringed instrument,
and on the psaltery,
Upon the harp with solemn sound
and grave sweet melody.
4. For Thou, Lord, by thy mighty deeds
hast gladness to me brought;
and I will triumph in the works
which by thy hands are wrought.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 451 Join all the glorious names

- 1 Join all the glorious names
of wisdom, love and power,

that ever mortals knew,
that angels ever bore;
all are too poor to speak His worth,
too poor to set my Saviour forth!

2 Great Prophet of my God,
my tongue shall bless Your name:
by You the joyful news
of our salvation came;
the joyful news of sins forgiven,
of hell subdued and peace with heaven.

3 Jesus, my great High Priest,
the Lamb of God who died!
My guilty conscience seeks
no sacrifice beside;
the power of Your atoning blood
has won acceptance with my God.

4 Divine almighty Lord,
my Conqueror and my King:
Your sceptre and Your sword,
Your reigning grace I sing;
Yours is the power -- and so I sit
in willing service at Your feet.

5 Now let my soul arise,
and tread the tempter down:
my Captain leads me on
to conquest and a crown;
the child of God shall win the day,
though death and hell obstruct the way.

Scripture Reading Acts 5:1-11 read by Lowry Manson

Anthem Lord, the light of your love is shining

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:17-29

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE 515 My hope is built on nothing less

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds and will not fail.
- 3 His oath, His covenant and His blood
support me in the rising flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
- 4 When the last trumpet's voice shall sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
clothed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

SERMON *Truth & Speech*

PRAISE 598 O Master Christ, draw near to take
(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)

- 1 O Master Christ, draw near to take
Your undisputed place;
my gifts and faculties remake,
form and re-fashion for Your sake
an instrument of peace.

- 2 O Master Christ, I choose to sow
in place of hatred, love;
where wounds and injuries are now
may healing and forgiveness grow
as gifts from God above.
- 3 O Master Christ, I choose to plant
hope where there is despair;
a warmth of joy, a shaft of light
where darkness has diminished sight,
where sorrow leaves its scar.
- 4 O Master Christ, make this my goal --
less to receive than give;
to sympathise -- and to make whole,
to understand and to console
and so, through death, to live.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

Prayer

PRAISE VIDEO Jesus hands were kind hands

Benediction & Choral Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY– Catherine Dalzell and Chloe McCormick

Next Sunday 23rd February – Thinking Day – NO KIDSZONE

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY & 23rd February – Michael and Julie Steele

2nd & 9th March – Joyce Currie and **Marjorie Moore**

Evening Communion Service – TONIGHT at 7.00pm.

Congregational Committee Meeting – Tomorrow night, Monday 17th February at 7.30pm in the Archie Agnew Hall.

Pickleball Class continues on a Monday evening at 8.15pm, after BB, in the Walter Nelson Hall.

Saturday Morning Coffee Mornings are beginning in April and will run until the end of September. A meeting will be held in the Hub this Tuesday 18th February, and any ladies or gentlemen who would like to host or assist with baking scones etc are asked to attend. If you are unable to attend please contact Elaine Nixon 07802 497442.

Wednesday

The Church building is open for **private prayer** 10.00am – Noon.

Gifts for **Storehouse** can be left 10.00am – Noon.

Supplies can be left in the trolley in the foyer either on Wednesday morning or before the Sunday service. 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.

Prayer & Bible Study – continues this Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm. We will continue the series from last year, as we look at different Bible characters' encounters with God in relation to prayer. Everyone is made very welcome, so please consider coming along to share together informally and explore God's Word.

Hobby Hub continues on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 - 4:00pm. This is an opportunity for fun and fellowship while sharing interests and skills in a safe relaxing setting. Please come along to support this venture and feel free to bring you friends.

Pickleball Group continues on Thursday afternoons 2:30 - 4:40pm. If you would like to learn more and see if this is for you, please come along and join the fun.

Discover Groomsport are having a **ceilidh** this Friday 21st February in Walter Nelson Hall at 7.30pm.

Members of the Royal Scottish Dancing Association demonstration team will show us how it should be done and then we can all join in. There will also be a light supper.

Tickets are free but limited, and are available from Sharon Goldie, Audrey Thomas or Elaine Nixon.

PW Following the success of the Scarecrow Game last year we are playing again on Monday 24th February at 7.30pm Please come along and enjoy yourselves for fun and chat and information about the World Day of Prayer.

Men's Event: There will be a Coffee morning in The Hub on Friday 28th February starting at 10:30 am. This will be followed by entertainment from the U3A Groomsport guitar ensemble.

Pancake Breakfast: The mission committee and Kidzone will be hosting another pancake breakfast in the Archie Agnew Hall on Sunday 2nd March before church (9:30 a.m. start). Please come along and enjoy this time of fellowship together. Proceeds will be going to the Children's Hospice. We look forward to seeing you there. Sharon Goldie.

AGM – Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm.

The first Tuesday Club fundraiser of this year will be held on Tuesday 4th March when the Bangor Ukes are coming to entertain us in the Maxwell Halls at 2 pm. Tickets are available now at £5 - including refreshments - and can be obtained by ringing 9107 0624, or speaking to Mary, Oliver or Dorothy Johnston. Our chosen charity this year is the Children's Hospice. We look to you all to support us at our fundraisers and Open Meetings which will be advertised in the pew leaflets. We thank you for your support in the past.

War in Sudan: Amidst a brutal conflict, millions of people across the country of Sudan are homeless and facing the threat of famine and death. More than 1 million have fled across the border to South Sudan, a country hit by the worst floods in decades. Christian Aid have launched an appeal to provide shelter, food and hygiene kits for those fleeing the war. Our mission committee met yesterday evening and agreed to send £1,000 immediately to Christian Aid to help with their relief work in Sudan. If you would like to contribute further, you can send a donation to the church office or leave an envelope in the collection plate marked Sudan Appeal. Thank you.

New After-Church Coffee/Tea Rota: We would be grateful if you could volunteer to serve coffee/tea after church for one Sunday. Currently we are doing this on the last Sunday of each month, and if you can help Julie Steele on either **March, May, August, October or November, please add your name to the list.** There are sign-up sheets in the vestibule. Thank you.