

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 11am**

**Conducted by Rev. Denis Campbell**

**Organist: Mr Ivan Millen**

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit Lord Jesus when your people meet

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 202 From all that dwell below the skies

1 From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, in every tongue!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends your word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 385 Jesus, the joy of loving hearts

1 Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,  
Fountain of life and Light of men,

from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn unfilled to You again.

- 2 Your truth unchanged has always stood;  
You save all those who on You call:  
to those who seek You, O how good!  
To those who find You, all-in-all!
- 3 We taste of You, the living Bread,  
and long to feast upon You still;  
we drink of You, the Fountain-head,  
and thirst our souls from You to fill.
- 4 Our restless spirits long for You,  
no matter where our lot is cast,  
glad when Your gracious smile we view,  
blessed when our faith can hold You fast.
- 5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away;  
spread through the world Your holy light.

Scripture Reading Galatians 5:1-6 read by George Purdy

Anthem Whispering Hope

Mission Focus Chris Thompson

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE 348 Jesus, good above all other

- 1 Jesus, good above all other,  
gentle child of gentle mother,  
in a stable born our brother,  
give us grace to persevere.

- 2 Jesus, cradled in a manger,  
for us facing every danger,  
living as a homeless stranger,  
You we make our King most dear.
- 3 Jesus, for Your people dying,  
risen Master, death defying,  
Lord in heaven, Your grace supplying,  
keep us to Your presence near.
- 4 Jesus, all our sorrows bearing,  
all our thoughts and hopes still sharing,  
to Your people truth declaring;  
help us all Your truth to hear.
- 5 Lord, in all our doings guide us;  
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;  
we'll go on with You beside us,  
and with joy we'll persevere!

Sermon    The place of faith

PRAISE 562    Jesus calls above the tumult  
*(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)*

- 1 Jesus calls above the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day His voice re-echoes,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me!'
- 2 As of old, apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for His dear sake.

- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each rival that would claim us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more!'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
'Christian, love me more than these!'
- 5 Jesus calls us! By Your mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear Your call,  
give to You our heart's obedience,  
serve and love You best of all.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

Prayer

PRAISE VIDEO One more step along the world I go

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Kidszone Rota**

TODAY & 24<sup>th</sup> November – Elaine Nixon Shepherd and Janet Wilson

1<sup>st</sup> December – Audrey Thomas and Sharon Goldie

## **Porch Duty Rota**

TODAY – Ian McDonald and George Purdy

24<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December – June Kirk and Rosemary Gillespie

**Elders and Elder's Assistants: Communion Tokens** are available today for collection from your pigeonholes, for distribution around your areas. Advent Communion takes places on Sunday 1 December.

**TONIGHT is our Evening Praise Service –:** Our evening praise service will be led by Donaghadee Community Choir. We look forward to welcoming them back to Groomsport. The collection will be in support of the Linda Norgrove Foundation. A light supper will be served in the church hall after the service.

The **Mission Committee** next meet tomorrow night at 7.30pm.

**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.

**November Storehouse Donations:** As Christmas approaches we are aware that many will need help. In the first two weeks of December we will again be giving out approximately 400 hampers. Please do consider supporting us with the usual groceries but also with Christmas fayre eg, mince pies, small Christmas cakes and puddings. **These cannot be given out if they contain alcohol.** We also put in chocolates, selection boxes, bottles of Shloer, shortbread and boxes of biscuits, tins of ham, cranberry sauce and those treats that help to make Christmas special. We hope to start making up our hampers week beginning 2nd December. This means that we really need our

Christmas goodies with us at the beginning of December.  
Thank you for your help.

**'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.

**Hobby Hub** continues on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for fun and fellowship while sharing interests and skills in a safe relaxing setting.

**Pickleball Group** also continues on Thursday afternoons 2:30 - 4:40 p.m. If you would like to learn more and see if this is for you, please come along and join the fun. Spectators also welcome. Please remember to wear suitable footwear if you want to take part.

**Eagle Wing Newsletter:** It is almost time for our Christmas issue. Contributions can be sent to Rev Paul Dalzell on [eaglewing@pauldalzell.uk](mailto:eaglewing@pauldalzell.uk) or to Julie at the church office on [julie@groomsportpresbyterian.com](mailto:julie@groomsportpresbyterian.com).

As many as possible are encouraged to contribute.

**All articles should be submitted by next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a strict deadline to allow sufficient time for preparation and copying.**

**IBRA Bible Readings for 2025.** Details and a sign-up sheet are in the vestibule for anyone who is interested. The cost is £13.00. **Deadline for ordering is next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.**

**PW** are very happy to have Olive and her friend Hilary on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November in Archie Agnew Hall at 7.30pm to ask the question "What's in your handbag

**Kirk Session** meet on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Archie Agnew Hall.

**Fortwilliam Musical Society**: We are looking forward to welcoming back the Fortwilliam Musical Society on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm. We will be entertained to 'Songs from the Shows'. This was a very popular event, so don't miss out as there are only a few tickets remaining. You can purchase tickets from members of the Mission Committee or from Julie in the church office. Suggested donation is £10. Proceeds will go to support the work of our missionary partners in northern Kenya, Angelina and Stephen Cowan.

**Advance Notice:**

**Men's Group:** The next meeting will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. Further information to follow.

**Advent Communion Service** – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Gift Day Service** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Thank You** to all who supported the recent fund-raising Coffee Morning in aid of Hope Christian Trust. This was very well attended, and your support is much appreciated. The proceeds will be valued greatly by all those concerned in their work.

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