

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 22nd December 2024 at 11am

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist: Dr Hamish Courtney

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit Angel voices, richly blending

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 328 O come, all you faithful

- 1 O come, all you faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come now, O come now, to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

- 2 God from God,
Light from light,
He who abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation!
Sing, all you citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest!'

- 4 Yes, Lord, we greet You,
born for our salvation; *
Jesus, to You be glory given!

Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Fourth candle of Advent - Love

PRAISE 326 Love came down at Christmas

- 1 Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas --
star and angels gave the sign.
- 2 Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus --
what shall be our sacred sign?
- 3 Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbour,
love for prayer and gift and sign.

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading Hebrews 9:1-12

Anthem O come, O come, Emmanuel

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14 read by Dr Michael Steele

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE 335 Silent night, holy night

- 1 Silent night, holy night!
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,

Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watched o'er the Child beloved and fair
sleeping in heavenly rest,
sleeping in heavenly rest.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds first saw the light,
heard resounding clear and long,
far and near, the angel-song:
'Christ the Redeemer is here,
Christ the Redeemer is here!'

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, O how bright
love is smiling from Your face!
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
Saviour, since You are born,
Saviour, since You are born!

Sermon He pitched his tent among us

PRAISE 319 Good Christians all rejoice
(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)

1 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before Him bow
and He is in the manger now!
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
He has opened heaven's door

and we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!

- 3 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at His most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE 336 The first Nowell the angel did say

- 1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel!*

- 2 Then wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay:
- 3 At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped Him;
they offered there in His presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

4 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for Christ has our salvation wrought
and with His blood our life has bought:

Benediction & Choral Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY – Fiona McCreedy & Sylvia Nelson

29th December – Sylvia Nelson and Joyce Currie

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY & 29th December – Sharon Goldie and Audrey Thomas

Christmas Morning – John and Jennifer Boyd

The **Church Office** is now closed until Thursday 2nd January 2025.

There will be a **short Christmas Day Family Service** at 10.30am on Christmas morning. There will be NO Kidszone.

The Church building will **not be open for private prayer** this week.

There will be **NO Storehouse** collection this week.

Normal collection will resume in the New Year.

'Wednesday Welcome':- The Hub will not be open on Christmas Day and New Year's Day but will re-open again on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

The service next Sunday 29th December, will be conducted by Rev Denis Campbell. Rev. Paul Dalzell will be conducting worship in Regent Street.

New Year Communion Service – Sunday 5th January at
11.00am

Herald and IBRA Readings are available in the vestibule for those who have ordered them and still not collected.

An envelope for payment is attached and is to be returned to the church office or put on the plate no later than the end of December. Thank you.

Hobby Hub will return on Thursday 16th January 2025.

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