

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 23rd March 2025 at 11am

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist: Mr John McIlwaine

Welcome & Announcements

Introit Focus my eyes on You, O Lord

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 233 Praise to the Lord

1 Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of
creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and
salvation!
Come, all who hear;
brothers and sisters, draw
near,
praise Him in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily
reigning;
keeping us safe at His side,
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all you have needed has
been
met by His gracious
ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord,

who shall prosper our work
and defend us;
surely His goodness and
mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
who with His love will
befriend us.

4 Praise to the Lord --
O let all that is in me adore
Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises
before Him!
Let the 'Amen!'
sound from His people again
--
gladly we praise and adore
Him!

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE Psalm 40 verses 1-4. I waited for the Lord my God

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| 2. I waited for the Lord my God,
and patiently did bear;
at length to me he did incline
my voice and cry to hear. | 4. He put a new song in my mouth,
our God to magnify:
many shall see it, and shall fear,
and on the Lord rely. |
| 3. He took me from a fearful pit,
and from the miry clay,
and on a rock he set my feet,
establishing my way. | 5. O blessed is the man whose trust
upon the Lord relies:
respecting not the proud, nor such
as turn aside to lies. |

Scripture Reading Joshua 2:1-15 *read by Markus Christians*

Anthem When peace like a river

Scripture Reading James 2:14-25

Intercessory Prayer

PRAISE 525 Safe in the shadow of the Lord

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| 1 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
beneath His hand and power,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
my fortress and my tower. | 3 From fears and phantoms of the night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
by darkness as by day. |
| 2 My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare;
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
to keep me in His care. | 4 His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
and unafraid go on. |

5 Strong in the everlasting
Name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
who hears and answers

prayer.

6 Safe in the shadow of the

Lord,
possessed by love divine,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
and meet His love with
mine.

SERMON Merciful to the lowest

PRAISE 522 O God of faith, help me believe
(*Girls and boys come in from Kidszone*)

1 O God of faith, help me
believe,
help me to know You shelter
me,
and though Your face I
cannot see,
O may I feel Your strength in
me.

2 O God of hope, help me to
know
that hope in You is strong
and sure,
that You raised Jesus from
the grave,
and hope is in Your power to
save.

3 O God of love, help me to
see
that love sent Christ to die for
me,
and though unworthy I can
say
that love endures from day to
day.

4 O God of faith, help me to
believe,
O God of hope, my saviour
be.
O God of love, show love
through me,
and shine for all the world to
see.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

Prayer

PRAISE VIDEO Jesus loves me

Benediction & Choral Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY – Fiona McCreedy and Karen McCreedy

30th March – Joyce Currie and Louise Milliken

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY – Alastair McQuoid and Janet Wilson

30th March & 6th April – Elaine Nixon-Shepherd and Ann Williams

Presbytery Mission in Ireland evening Millisle & Ballycopeland:

TONIGHT at 7.00pm. **Speakers: Rev Wallace Moore (Mullingar & Corboy) and Rev Colin Dickson (International Meeting Point)**

Each year, the Council for Mission in Ireland supports individual Presbyteries in the hosting of an evening that shares vision, stories and examples of the mission of our church across Ireland. Please come along to this event and learn more about PCI mission in Ireland.

Youth Evenings

All our young people, aged 11-18, are invited to two special Youth Evenings being held in the Parish Church Hall.

TONIGHT - 7:30-8:30pm - Chocolate evening (including team challenges making towers out of matchmakers!)

Sunday 6 April - 7:30-8:30pm - Youth Easter egg hunt around Groomsport!

(Further details, if required, from Rev. Elliot Swattridge
elliottgroomsport@gmail.com)

Next Sunday, 30th March, the service will be conducted by Rev Denis Campbell. Rev Dalzell will be on holiday from tomorrow, returning on Thursday 3rd April.

Our final PW of the year is tomorrow night, Monday 24th March.

Come along to join in the singing and sharing of our apple tarts.

Pickleball Class continues on a Monday evening at 8.15pm, after BB, in the Walter Nelson Hall. Also on Thursday afternoons 2.30 – 4.40pm.

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. **There is a list in the trolley, and on the noticeboard of items which there is currently a real need for.** Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

'Wednesday Welcome' The Hub is open as usual every Wednesday morning from 10:30 - 12 noon. It has been lovely to see members of our congregation and visitors coming each week for a time of fun and fellowship together. If you haven't been recently or never attended, please come along to enjoy tea/filter coffee and scones at this beautiful venue. Spread the word and invite your friends and neighbours. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome! Thank you.

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.

Men's Group : Our next men's group will be held this Friday 28th March, 10:30 a.m. in the Hub. Our guest speaker is Rev Dr David Irwin who will be giving us a short talk on Rev Issac Mack who was the first minister of Groomsport Presbyterian Church. Have you ever looked at the memorial on the wall inside our church and wondered about this man who was minister here for 36 years and hailed from Ballynahinch no less? We look forward to seeing you later this month. Feel free to bring along any guests.

Tea/Coffee after church next Sunday: There will be tea/coffee and light refreshments served in The Hub after our service next Sunday morning.

Everyone is invited to this time of fellowship together.

The **Tuesday Club:** 1st April at 2.00pm when Duncan Pollock will be along to talk about his famous 'hats'.

Collection of Toiletries and Nappies for the International Meeting Point:

Once again the mission committee are appealing for toiletries, baby wipes and nappies (any size nappies). Shampoo or body wash for adults or children are also welcome. These gifts are really appreciated by refugees who have so little to manage on. These gifts can be delivered to the Walter Nelson Hall on **Saturday 5th April when we will be holding a coffee morning** for this event. Come along and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Thank you. (The Mission Committee).

Leprosy Mission Sunday: Our Leprosy Mission Sunday will be held on 6th April this year. We are delighted to welcome their communications director, Mr. Stephen McCartney as guest speaker. Leprosy Mission envelopes will be available in the pews the week before, and we will also have some boxes in the foyer for any loose change that you may have at home. It has been a difficult year for the Anandaban Hospital in Nepal which suffered damage from mud slides. Thankfully work is well under way to repair the hospital and the road access. Thank you for your on-going support to this important overseas mission.

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