

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 11am**  
**Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell**  
**Organist: Mr John McIlwaine**

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Scripture Sentences

**PRAISE Psalm 95 (1<sup>st</sup> Version) verses 1-6**    O come, and  
let us to the Lord

1 Oh, come, and let us to the Lord  
in songs our voices raise,  
with joyful noise let us the rock  
of our salvation praise.

2 Let us before his presence come  
with praise and thankful voice;  
let us sing psalms to him with grace,  
and make a joyful noise.

3 The Lord's a great God and great King,  
above all gods he is.

4 Depths of the earth are in his hand,  
the strength of hills is his.

5 To him the spacious sea belongs,  
for he the same did make;  
the dry land also from his hands  
its form at first did take.

6 O come and let us worship him,  
let us bow down withal,  
and on our knees before the Lord  
our Maker let us fall.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**PRAISE 222** O God beyond all praising

- 1 O God beyond all praising,  
we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before You  
and wait upon Your word,  
we honour and adore You,  
our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favour  
may serve You as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless You still:  
to marvel at Your beauty  
and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise!

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-8 read by Stewart Holland

## Intercessory Prayer

### **PRAISE 504** I'll watch in hope for God

- 1 I'll watch in hope for God,  
my Saviour and my Lord;  
though evil seems to reign  
I'll trust His constant word.  
I shall not fear! Though friends betray,  
in faith I'll pray, my God shall hear!
- 2 Although I often fall  
or stumble in the night,  
my God shall raise me up --  
the Lord will be my light.  
Through my distress He'll plead for me  
and I shall see His righteousness.
- 3 The Lord will put to shame  
the mocker's idle boast;  
God's kingdom shall extend,  
expand from coast to coast.  
From every shore they'll come to sing  
of Israel's King for evermore.
- 4 Shepherd Your flock, O God!  
And nourish us once more;  
reveal Your wondrous acts  
as You revealed before.  
Your enemies shall see Your power,  
and trembling, cower, upon their knees.
- 5 There is no God like You,  
who pardons and forgives,  
whose anger does not last,  
whose mercy ever lives!  
We can be sure on history's page,

through every age, Your word endures.  
Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

**SERMON** Comfort and sin

**PRAISE 408** In Christ alone  
*(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)*

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all-in-all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone -- who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe;  
this gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on Him was laid.  
here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine --  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;

from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

Prayer

### **PRAISE 250** I can talk to God

- 1 I can talk to God,  
He will hear my prayers.  
I can talk to God,  
for I know He cares.  
He will listen when I say,  
'Thank You for Your love today,  
for Your help in every way,  
oh, thank You, God.'
- 2 I can talk to God,  
He will hear my prayers.  
I can talk to God,  
for I know He cares.  
He will listen when I say,  
'I have done wrong things today,  
please forgive me now I pray,  
forgive me, God.'
- 3 I can talk to God,  
He will hear my prayers.  
I can talk to God,  
for I know He cares.

He will listen when I say,  
'Please help all my friends today,  
help them in their work and play,  
please help them, God.'

Benediction & Choral Amen

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Kidszone Rota**

TODAY: Joyce Currie and Sylvia Nelson

4<sup>th</sup> May – Joyce Currie and Audrey Thomas

### **Porch Duty Rota**

TODAY & 4<sup>th</sup> May – Fiona McCreedy and Isabel Keenan

11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May – Margaret McCreedy and Alastair Boyle

**Tea/Coffee after church TODAY:** There will be tea/coffee and light refreshments served in The Hub after our service this morning. Everyone is invited to this time of fellowship together.

**Pickleball Class** continues on a Monday evening at **7.30pm**, in the Walter Nelson Hall.

### **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 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** returns this Thursday afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> May, at 2:00 - 4:00pm. This is an opportunity for fun and fellowship while sharing interests and skills in a safe relaxing setting.

**Saturday Coffee Mornings** continue this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The hosts are Fiona and Margaret McCreedy, and everyone is welcome.

The next meeting of the **Tuesday Club** will be on 6<sup>th</sup> May when Ian Sloan will be our speaker. His subject is "Bangor in the 40's and 50's and the changes we have seen." Those members who are going on the outing in June are asked to make sure that Rosemary has their payments by this date.

**A North Down Walk for Tearfund** will be taking place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00 – 9.00pm, from Crawfordsburn Country Park to Pickie, and then back again. Should you be interested in this event, there are more details on the Noticeboard. Thank you.

### **Advance Notice:**

**Christian Aid Week:** 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Christian Aid Coffee Morning** in the Parish – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Spring Communion Service** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

**Congregational Committee Meeting** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
(with a short Session Meeting afterwards)