

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 27th October 2024

Conducted by Rev Paul Dalzell

**Guest speaker: Mr Stephen Cowan – PCI Missionary to
Kenya**

Organist: Mrs Isabel Keenan

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit The Lord's my shepherd

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 207 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds
and drives away our fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
it satisfies the hungry soul,
and gives the weary rest.
- 3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace!
- 4 Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king;
my Lord, my life, my way, my end --
accept the praise I bring.

- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see You as You are,
I'll praise You as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of Your name

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 78 All my hope on God is founded

- 1 All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust He shall renew;
He, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true:
God unknown,
He alone,
calls my heart to be His own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray His trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust;
but God's power
hour by hour
is my temple and my tower.
- 3 God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep His wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend Him,
beauty springing out of naught;
evermore
from His store
countless stars rise and adore.

4 Day by day the almighty Giver
grants to us His gifts of love;
in His will our souls find pleasure,
leading to our home above:
love shall stand
at His hand,
joy shall wait on His command.

5 Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ His Son:
hear Christ's call,
one and all --
those who follow shall not fall.

Scripture Reading Psalm 145:1-13 read by Dr Michael
Steele

Anthem Beautiful Isle of Somewhere

Prayer of Intercession

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

PRAISE 635 God of mercy, God of grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of Your face:
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill Your Church with light divine;
and Your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise You, Lord;
be by all that live adored:
let the nations shout and sing

glory to their Saviour King;
at Your feet their tribute pay,
and Your holy will obey.

- 3 Let the people praise You, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford,
God to us His blessing give,
we to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Address Mr Stephen Cowan

PRAISE 641 Tell all the world of Jesus
(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)

- 1 Tell all the world of Jesus,
our Saviour, Lord and King;
and let the whole creation
of His salvation sing:
proclaim His glorious greatness
in nature and in grace;
Creator and Redeemer,
the Lord of time and space.
- 2 Tell all the world of Jesus,
that everyone may find
the joy of His forgiveness --
true peace of heart and mind:
proclaim His perfect goodness,
His deep, unfailing care;
His love so rich in mercy,
a love beyond compare.
- 3 Tell all the world of Jesus,
that everyone may know
of His almighty triumph

defeating every foe:
proclaim His coming glory,
when sin is overthrown,
and He shall reign in splendour --
the King upon His throne!

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE 81 God has made me, and he knows me

- 1 God has made me, and He knows me,
He will listen to my prayer.
Understanding, ever loving,
He's the God who's always there.
Even though He made the world, He
knows my name and cares for me.
He will hear me when I call Him;
in His heart I'll always be.
- 2 Help me, Lord to understand
that I'm a child who's loved by You.
You'll protect me, and be with me
in the things I have to do.
Thank You Lord, that I can trust You,
thank You for the love You bring.
Thank You that You'll never leave me;
Father God, Your praise I sing.

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY – Catherine Dalzell and Chloe McCormick
3rd & 10th November – Joyce Currie and Louise Milliken

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY & 3rd November – Paul Miller and Maureen Stewart
10th & 17th November – Hilary Knight and George Purdy

Today we have **special guests, PCI Missionaries Stephen and Angelina Cowan.** We make them most welcome.

Tea/Coffee after church this morning: 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. Angelina and Stephen will be joining us and would be delighted to share more about their work in Tuum in this more informal setting. We look forward to seeing you there!

PW will meet in the Archie Agnew Hall tomorrow night, Monday 28th at 7.30pm. We are delighted to have Louise Davidson with us. She is currently working as a Deaconess in Friendship House Belfast.

The **Church Office** is closed this Tuesday, 29th October, but will re-open again on Wednesday.

Meeting of Kirk Session: The next meeting of Kirk Session will take place this Tuesday evening, 29th October at 7:30pm. in the Archie Agnew Hall.

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.

Storehouse:- There is currently a particular need for tinned meats and sweetcorn, long life milk, jam, size 7 nappies and shampoo. Your continued kindness is much appreciated.

'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.

Bible Characters & Their Prayers

Prayer & Bible Study – continues this Wednesday at 7.30pm. We are considering different aspects of prayer, and this week we are looking at Daniel. You are most welcome.

Hobby Hub continues on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 - 4:00 pm. 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 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.

Saturday Coffee Morning: Our coffee mornings are continuing to be held in The Hub every Saturday from 10:30 - 12 noon. Come and enjoy tea/coffee and scones and bring your friends! Specialty coffees are also available from our new dispensing machine in the foyer.

Groomsport Service of Remembrance

Next Sunday, 3rd November at 2.45pm at the War Memorial.

A Coffee Morning is being held on Saturday 9th November, 10.00am – 12.00 Noon. This is in aid of Hope Christian Trust, for their vital ongoing work in Gaza and the West Bank.

Evening Praise Service - Sunday 17th November: Our evening praise service will be led by Donaghadee Community Choir. We look forward to welcoming them back to Groomspoint. The collection will be in support of the Linda Norgrove Foundation (see details in the Autumn Eagle Wing newsletter). A light supper will be served in the church hall after the service.

Fortwilliam Musical Society: We are looking forward to welcoming back the Fortwilliam Musical Society **on Friday 29th November at 7:30 pm**. We will be entertained to 'Songs from the Shows'. This was a very popular event last year and numbers are limited. 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.

United Appeal: Please remember to contribute to this important annual appeal which supports the mission of the Presbyterian Church both here at home and overseas. There is still some information in the pews along with envelopes. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. (Dr Michael Steele, Clerk of Session)

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: A reminder that there are still some empty boxes in the vestibule to be filled for children in parts of the world who are in great need. **Extended deadline for the return of the boxes is now next Sunday 3rd November.** Thank you in anticipation.

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