

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMUNION ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 6th October 2024

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist: Mr John McIlwaine

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Sentence

PRAISE Psalm 34 vs 1-9 God will I bless all times

1. God will I bless all times; his praise
my mouth shall still express
2. My soul shall boast in God: the meek
shall hear with joyfulness
3. Extol the Lord with me,
let us his name together praise
4. I sought the Lord, he heard, and did
above all fears me raise
5. They looked to him and lightened were;
their faces were not shamed
6. This poor man cried, God heard,
and him from all distress redeemed
7. The angel of the Lord encamps,
and round encompasseth all those about that do him
fear, and them delivereth

8. O taste and see that God is good;
who trusts in him is blessed.
9. Fear God his saints: none that him fear shall be
with want oppressed.

Prayer & Lord's prayer

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:23 – 4:7 read by Lowry
Manson

PRAISE 353 O love how deep, how broad, how high!
(Melcolmbe)

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
How passing thought and fantasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
- 2 He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
and He Himself to this world came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp He knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed, for us He taught,
for us His daily works He wrought,
by words, and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;

for us at length gave up His breath.

6 For us He rose from death again,
for us He went on high to reign,
for us He sent His Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 To Him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through His Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity

Intercessory Prayer

Offering & Prayer

PRAISE 648 I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

1 I cannot tell why He whom angels worship
should set His love upon the sons of men;
or why as shepherd He should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how nor when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
when Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
and that He lived at Nazareth and laboured;
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, has come.

2 I cannot tell how silently He suffered
as with His peace He graced this place of tears;
nor how His heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy-laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

- 3 I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
how He will claim His earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
and He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
and some glad day His sun will shine in splendour
when He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.
- 4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at His bidding every storm is stilled;
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all our hearts with love for Him are filled.
But this I know, the skies will sound His praises,
ten thousand thousand human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

Sermon Redeemed & Adopted

PRAISE 393 We come as guests invited

- 1 We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.
- 2 We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on Him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,

we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

- 3 One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Welcome to new members and Communion tokens received
Invitation to the Lord's Table and The Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Prayer

Distribution of the bread and wine

Prayer

PRAISE 545 Jesus, Master, whose I am

- 1 Jesus, Master, whose I am,
purchased Yours alone to be,
by Your blood, O perfect Lamb,
shed so willingly for me:
let my heart be all Your own,
let me live to You alone.
- 2 Jesus, Master, I am Yours;
keep me faithful, keep me near,
shine on all my days and hours,
all my homeward way to cheer.
Jesus! at Your feet I fall;
be my Lord, my all-in-all!

- 3 Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
though so feebly and so ill,
strengthen hand and heart and nerve
all Your bidding to fulfil:
open now my eyes to see
all the work You have for me.
- 4 Jesus, Master, will You use
one who owes You more than all?
As You will! I would not choose;
only let me hear Your call.
Jesus, let me always be
in Your service, glad and free.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY – Catherine Dalzell and Chloe McCormick
13th & 20th October – Joyce Currie and Louise Milliken

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY – Valerie McCutcheon and Ian Wilson
13th & 20th October – Ivan and Pat Crawford

TODAY is our Communion Service: Please note that Kidzone will be held in the Archie Agnew Hall. The children should be collected from there after the end of the service. Thank you.

The Rev Dalzell will be preaching at the **evening Harvest Service in the Parish Church TONIGHT at 6.00 pm**. All our members are invited to join our neighbours in the Parish for this service. Thank you.

The **Church office** is now open until 2.45pm on a Tuesday and Wednesday, and 1.45pm on a Friday.

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.

'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 – Commencing this Wednesday 9th October at 7.30pm. Over a series of 4 Wednesday evenings, we will consider different aspects of prayer as seen in Abraham, Moses, Nehemiah and Daniel. If you would like to attend you will be made very welcome as we explore God's Word and share together.

Something New! Hobby Hub continues this Thursday, 2-4pm in the Hub. This is an opportunity for fun and fellowship while sharing interests and skills in a safe and relaxed setting. Please come along and support this new venture. Feel free to invite family and friends. We pray this will evolve and grow in the coming months.

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.

Harvest Services: Our Harvest Services this year take place next Sunday 13th October. As before, we would ask members of the congregation to donate gifts of pot- plants, flowers and other appropriate items to decorate our church for these

services. These should be left down at the church from 9:30 am next Saturday morning. Could we also invite members to leave in items that can be donated to Storehouse North Down.

There is currently a particular need for tinned meats and sweetcorn, long life milk, jam, size 7 nappies and shampoo. Our morning service will be led by Rev Dalzell and our organist and choir are working hard in preparation for this important annual event in our church calendar.

Our evening service will be at 7:00 pm. and our guest preacher will be Rev Elliot Swatridge. After the service, the congregation is invited over to our church hall where light refreshments will be served. We would request that Elders remain behind to collect gifts for distribution before going over to the church hall.

PW starts the year on Monday 14th October at 7.30pm when our stars will be Pat and Paul Miller. Hope to see you there.

Operation Christmas Child – This is an invitation to anyone, men and women, who would like to cover a shoe box for ‘The Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child Appeal’ but is not sure just how to decorate their empty box.

Come along on **Thursday 17th October at 10.30am** with as many shoe boxes as you can, and if you have some spare Christmas paper, bring it along too. We can work together and have a chat and cup of tea or coffee while decorating the boxes. Some of them we can use ourselves and some can be left in the church for others to fill. All the boxes will be collected by the end of October.

Do come along on Thursday 17th for a fun morning.

A Right Royal Afternoon Tea – Hosted by the Mission Committee in the Archie Agnew Room on Saturday 19th October at 2:30 p.m. Guest Speaker – Rev. Derek Kerr. Please come along and support this event which should be a fun day. Rev Derek Kerr is a renowned

royal enthusiast and entertaining speaker. Proceeds will be in aid of 'Open Doors' supporting persecuted Christians around the world. Tickets available from members of the mission committee or church office- Price £10. If anyone has a spare cake stand that we could borrow for the day, please let us know. Thank you.

Advance Notice:

Sunday 20th October, 11.00am – **Guides and Boys Brigade Service and**

Dr Pam Saturnia will be visiting us with a group from Muscatine Presbyterian Church, USA

Sunday 27th October, 11.00am – **special guests, PCI Missionaries Stephen and Angelina Cowan**

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