

NOTICES

TODAY:

Morning Worship, 10am: 1 Peter 2:11-12 'Godly living for God's glory'

YF, 4pm: Genesis 2:15 – 3:24 'Mankind Rebels'

Evening Fellowship, 5pm: The God who is simple

THIS WEEK:

Community Group: Tuesday, 7:30pm, Ali & Noreen's home.

Ladies' Fellowship: Habakkuk 2:1-5, Thursday, 10am, Anderson's home.

ETS Annual Conference: 'The Free Offer of The Gospel', 26th Sept, 9.30-4.30,
St Columba's Free Church, Edinburgh, ets.ac.uk/annual-conference/

NEXT SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 10am: 1 Peter 2:13-25 'Submitting for Christ's sake'

YF, 4pm: Genesis 4:1-26; 6:5-6 'The Spread of Sin'

Evening Fellowship, 5pm: The God who is from himself and never changes

COMING UP:

Scottish Women's Bible Convention: 'Jesus Is Better', 3rd Oct, 10.00-15.00,
Charlotte Chapel, brushfire.com/swbc/swbc2026/623009



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Prayer Meeting 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP 10am

**The Lord's Day
20th September**

WELCOME TO GALASHIELS FREE CHURCH

Welcome to morning worship. We're glad that you're with us today. Please speak to Craig or anyone who welcomed you if you have any questions or if you require assistance.

BIBLES

Bibles are provided on the welcome desk. Please feel free to use one during the service. If you don't own a Bible but would like to, please feel free to take one home with you.

GET CONNECTED - Christian Faith and Christian Community go together

- Fill in a Connect Contact Card on the welcome desk and place it in the wooden box.
- Join a community group.

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE – The Church family meeting with God

We believe that children are as much a part of the church family as adults, and therefore we encourage children to join us as we worship God and listen to his Word being taught. Throughout the Bible, worshipping God has always been something families do together. Your children may not be used to staying in for the whole service, but please encourage them to do so and let them know that we love to have them! As Jesus welcomed even the youngest of children to him, we do everything we can to help children experience that welcome as we gather on Sundays. Children tend to stay in the service to worship with their families, helped by their own special service sheets which can be found beside the sound desk. Feel free to talk quietly with your children during the service: it's always good to see parents explain things in a way that's helpful to them. If you would like someone to sit with your children to help them, please speak to the people who welcomed you.

CRÈCHE

In time there will be a crèche room. At present, there is space in one of the corners as a non-supervised crèche area, should you wish to use it. Feel free to also use the vestibule if your young ones are getting a tad too vocal or wriggly. Church is a family, and like all families, we take a bit of noise as a healthy sign.

OFFERING – Freely giving because of the gospel and for the sake of the gospel

As a church family we give money thoughtfully and generously in response to God's lavish love for us. Many give electronically, through a standing order or Stewardship; however, should you prefer there is a box on the welcome desk where you can give your offering. Details of how to give regularly and tax-efficiently can be found in the area attached to the box. If you are visiting us today, please do not feel under any obligation to contribute.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

1 Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing;
I am His forevermore

2 Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from Heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes his work in me

3 Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His Name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I'll walk
For there my heart has found its treasure;
Christ is mine forevermore

BRIDGE

*Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure:
Christ is mine forevermore (repeat)*

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I'll walk
For there my heart has found its treasure;
Christ is mine forevermore
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

2 Here I raise mine Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above!

4 Oh, that day when, freed from sinning,
I shall see thy lovely face;
full arrayed in blood-washed linen,
how I'll sing thy sov'reign grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
bring thy promises to pass;
for I know thy pow'r will keep me
till I'm home with thee at last!

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BENEDICTION

*This is not a prayer but a final blessing from Christ on his
people. This is a gift from Jesus to be received with heads
and hands raised. We leave with His Word and His
promises in the gospel in our ears.*

SERMON NOTES

The Holy Spirit works in and through the proclamation of God's Word to redeem sinners, sanctify Christ's people, and build His church. When we open the Word of God, our longing is for Christ himself to come and make himself known to the hearts of those listening. When the Bible is taught, God speaks.

God's Word does God's work by God's Spirit, and transforms God's people for our good and His glory.

A life that glorifies God

1 Peter 2:11-12

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Remember where you belong.

Recognise the war within.

Reveal the goodness of God.

Family Worship:

- What might make it hard for us to remember that we belong to Jesus, and how can remembering that help us when we feel different from others?
- What sinful desire can sometimes feel like a friend, even though Peter says it is 'waging war against your soul'? What would it look like to fight it this week?
- Who might see our lives this week, and what good thing could we do that might help them see something of the goodness of God?

CALL TO WORSHIP

The call to worship is not the minister inviting the congregation to worship. Rather, the call to worship is God summoning his people to assemble in his presence. From the beginning of the Worship service, we are reminded of the good news that God in Christ wants to meet with his people. We hear Jesus the Good Shepherd once again calling his sheep to him, regardless of how far they have wandered from him the week before.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
(Phil 2:5-8)

Guide Me, O my great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O my great redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty,
hold me with your powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

(William Williams 1717-91 Peter Williams 1723-96 and others)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Prayer is speaking to God. As John Calvin wrote, 'It is not for God's benefit that we pray but for ours. Prayer is the means by which we dig up the treasures of God's promises to us.' God speaks to us in the Call to Worship and we respond by speaking to him in prayer. In this time of prayer, we adore God for who he is and ask him to fulfil his promises to us (Invocation) during our service.

READING OF THE LAW AND CONFESSION OF SIN

As God's people saved by grace, his law is a reflection of his character as he calls us to live as new people. The law shows us our short comings, but it also casts upon our Saviour. Confession is when we are honest about ourselves with God. Although we know that the penalty of our sin has been paid for by Jesus, we know its presence remains within us. As we admit our failings, we are called to trust in God's grace and live changed lives.

Keep me, O Lord, for I am yours by creation; guide me, for I am yours by purchase.
You have redeemed me by the blood of your Son, and loved me with the love of a Father,
for I am your child by adoption and grace. Let your mercy pardon my sins, your providence
secure me from the punishments and evils I have deserved, and your care watch over me,
that I may never again offend you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDONING GRACE

*God promises forgiveness and cleansing to all who confess their sins to him (1 John 1:9).
Receive these words of comfort from God.*

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

(Psalm 36:7-9)

READING – Jeremiah 29:1-7

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Psalm 119:9-16

Tune: How Deep The Father's Love

1 How can the young keep their life pure?
By doing what your word demands!
I seek you with my heart and soul;
Let me not stray from your commands.

2 Your word I've hidden in my heart
To keep me from offending you.
Praise be to you, O LORD my God;
Teach me your statutes firm and true.

3 Each law proceeding from your mouth
I gladly with my lips have told.
I love to follow your commands,
As others love to count their gold.

4 I meditate upon your ways
And on your precepts I reflect.
I take delight in your decrees;
Your word I never will neglect.
(Sing Psalms)

PASTORAL PRAYER

followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

*As a sign of praying for one another, rejoicing with one another, and sharing one another's burdens,
we stand for the pastoral prayer. The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus gave his disciples to teach them how to pray.*

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen