

NOTICES

TODAY:

Morning Worship, 10am: 1 Peter 2:4-10 'Built on the Cornerstone'

Vision Day: 13th September with church lunch.

THIS WEEK:

Community Group: Tuesday, 7:30pm, Janet's home.

Ladies' Fellowship: Habakkuk 1:12-17, Thursday, 10am, Anderson's home.

EQUIP Borders with SU Scotland: S1-S6, 18th Sept, Gala Parish Church, 7-8.30pm,
Flyers in foyer with QR code to book a space.

NEXT SUNDAY:

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

COMING UP:

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/



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Prayer Meeting 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP 10am

The Lord's Day

13th 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.

His Mercy Is More

1 What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing,
he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

CHORUS

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

2 What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender
is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

CHORUS

3 What riches of kindness
he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment,
his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

CHORUS

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Tell Out My Soul

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

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Music: Walter Groatorex, 1919)*

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.

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, in all your darkness and troubles, remember what you are and have. You've been loved with an everlasting love, you are supported by everlasting arms, you are recipients of everlasting life, and heirs of an everlasting kingdom all sealed and made sure by the blood of an everlasting covenant. Amen.

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.

Built on the Cornerstone

1 Peter 2:4-10

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Built on Christ the Cornerstone, God makes us his living temple

Shown mercy by Christ, God makes us his proclaiming people

Family Worship:

- What difference does it make to build your life on Jesus as the Cornerstone? How might a life built on Jesus look different from a life built on something else?
- Peter says Christians are “living stones” being built together into God's temple. Why do you think God doesn't want us to follow Jesus on our own, and how can you be a better part of your church family?
- Peter says we have received mercy so that we might “proclaim the excellencies” of God. If a friend asked you this week, “Why do you follow Jesus?”, what would you want to tell them about how good he has been to you?

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.

The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. Come and worship your Lord. (Deut 7:6)

Come Praise and Glorify

1 Come praise and glorify our God,
the Father of our Lord.

In Christ he has, in heav'nly realms,
his blessings on us poured.
For pure and blameless in his sight
he destined us to be,
and now we've been adopted through
his Son eternally.

CHORUS

To the praise of your glory,
to the praise of your mercy and grace,
to the praise of your glory:
you are the God who saves!

2 Come praise and glorify our God,
who gives his grace in Christ.
In him our sins are washed away,
redeemed through sacrifice.
In him God has made known to us
the myst'ry of his will:
that Christ should be the Head of all,
his purpose to fulfill.

CHORUS

3 Come praise and glorify our God,
for we've believed the word,
and through our faith we have a seal:
the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope
until redemption's done,
until we join in endless praise
to God, the Three in One!

CHORUS

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

WITH CONFESSION OF SIN

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. 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.

O good and gracious God, you are most worthy of all praises, even for your own sake, you who triumphs in all things in holiness. By you only are we made holy and sanctified. We praise you for our glorious redemption, purchased for us in your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ. Give us therefore your Holy Spirit to govern us. And grant that all things which breathe with life may praise you as the true life of all creatures; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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.*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.
(1 Timothy 1:15-17)

READING – Exodus 19:1-8

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Psalm 118:15-24 Tune: Crassellius

1 Triumphant shouts of joy resound
In places where the righteous dwell.
The LORD's right hand is lifted high;
His mighty hand does all things well.

2 I shall not die but I shall live;
The LORD's great works I will proclaim.
The LORD severely chastened me,
But rescued me from death's domain.

3 Throw wide the gates of righteousness;
I'll enter and give thanks to God.
This is the gate of God, through which
The righteous come before the LORD.

4 You answered me, I will give thanks;
Salvation comes from you alone.
The stone the builders had refused
Has now become the cornerstone.

5 The LORD himself has done all this;
It is a marvel in our sight.
This is the day the LORD has made;
In it let us take great delight!

(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