NOTICES

TODAY:

Morning Worship, 10am: 1 Peter 3:8-16 'A Church That Changes the World'
YF, 4pm: Genesis 4:1-26; 6:5-6 'The Spread of Sin'
Evening Fellowship, 5pm: The God who knows all things and can do all things

THIS WEEK:

Community Group: Tuesday, 7:30pm, Andrew & Jennifer's Home.
Please speak to Craig or someone on welcome for a lift.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 10am: Guest Preacher, Donald Smith
YF and Evening Fellowship will restart on 1st November

Follow this QR Code to fill in our Sunday Structure Questionnaire and Contact Form.
Or you can use this link
https://form.jotform.com/craig3/proposed-sunday
or email Morag for a link.

Follow this QR Code for more information on how to give towards the work of the gospel through Galashiels Free Church.

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GALASHIELS FREE CHURCH

Rooted in Jesus. Reaching the Borders.

Prayer Meeting 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP 10am

The Lord's Day

11th October

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.

SINGING THE AARONIC BLESSING OVER THOSE BAPTISED

The covenant promises are for all who have joined God's covenant community.

The LORD bless you and keep you
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

All Glory Be To Christ

1 Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
Tell me, what is your life?
A mist, it vanishes at dawn,
All glory be to Christ!

CHORUS
All glory be to Christ our King,
All glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

2 His will be done, His kingdom come,
On earth as is above.
Who is Himself our daily bread,
Praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living waters satisfy
The thirsty without price.
Come eat of Him, our Living Bread,
All glory be to Christ!

CHORUS

3 When on the day, the great I Am,
The Faithful and the True,
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain,
Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us,
And be our Steadfast Light,
And we shall e'er His people be,
All glory be to Christ!

CHORUS x2
(Words by Dustin Kensrue To the tune of Auld Lang Syne)

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.

Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in Him,
Let Him shield them all day long,
Let the one the Lord loves rest between His shoulders.
That you might be steadfast, immovable and knowing
that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. (Deut. 33:12; 1 Cor. 15:58)

What is our hope in life and death?

1 What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

CHORUS
Oh, sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
oh, sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

2 What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

CHORUS

3 Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours forevermore.

CHORUS
(Words & Music: Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa)

BAPTISM

The sacrament of baptism is a washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is a sign and seal that we are joined to Christ, that we receive the benefits of the covenant of grace, and that we are engaged to be the Lord's.

Questions to those being baptised and joining the church:

– Do you acknowledge the Bible to be the Word of God and your only guide in all matters of faith and conduct?
– Do you confess God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as revealed in scripture to be your God?
– Do you profess faith in Jesus Christ as the only saviour of sinners and as your saviour and Lord?
– Do you now resolve and promise in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit to endeavour to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
– Do you submit yourself to the government, discipline and care of this church and do you promise to support the worship and work of this church to the best of your ability?

Question for the Stevie & Vajira:
Do you promise in dependence upon God's promised help, by your prayers, teaching and example, to bring up your child in the instruction and discipline of the Lord?

Question for the congregation:
Do you promise to support, love and pray for Stevie, Vajira, Gabriel, Susie, Jem and Dan as part of this church family?

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.

Let us call upon the One who saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

CHORUS
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided:
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

CHORUS

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

CHORUS
(Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
Music: William M. Runyan, 1923)

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.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, By what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. 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.

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. (Romans 5:8–9)

READING – Isaiah 8:11-15

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Psalm 34:9-16 Tune: Amazing Grace

1 The ones who fear, lack no good thing;
So fear Him, you His saints!
You'll never want for anything,
Though lions grow weak and faint.

2 My children, listen while I teach
You how to fear the Lord.
If you would live for good long years.
Don't speak an evil word.

3 Don't take a lie upon your lips;
And turn from all that's wrong.
Do good and seek out peaceful ways;
Tread such paths all day long.

4 The righteous ones are watched by God;
He hears their every cry.
He turns his face from evil men;
Their memory soon will die.

5 God listens when the righteous cry,
And saves them from distress.
He's very close to broken hearts;
Crushed spirits He will bless.
(The Portglenone Psalms)

PASTORAL PRAYER

As a sign of praying for one another, rejoicing with one another, and sharing one another's burdens we stand for this prayer.

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 Church That Changes the World
1 Peter 3:8-16
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Love one another vs 8

Bless those who harm vs 9-12

Honour Christ as Lord vs 13–16

Family Worship:

- From our passage today, what would make our church family look different from the world because Jesus is Lord?
- When someone hurts or insults us, what does Peter say we should do instead of getting our own back?
- If a friend asked, 'Why do you trust Jesus', what would you say?