NOTICES

TODAY:

Morning Worship, 10am: 1 Peter 3:17-4:11 'Man's Chief End in the Midst of Suffering'
YF, 4pm: Genesis 6:9 - 9:17, 11:1-9 'A New Start and a Familiar Ending'
Evening Fellowship, 5pm: The God who is beautiful

THIS WEEK:

Table to Throne: Our monthly evening of food, fellowship and prayer — gathering around the table, then coming together before the throne of grace.
Tuesday, Meal from 6:30pm in back hall, please sign up after the service, £3 on the night. Tea and Coffee from 7:15pm. Prayer from 7:30pm
Ladies' Fellowship: Habakkuk 3:1-7, Thursday, 10am, Anderson's home

NEXT SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 10am: 1 Peter 4:12-19 'How to suffer well
YF, 4pm: Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-21; 17:1-27 'God's Covenant with Abraham'
Evening Fellowship, 5pm: The one God in three persons

Follow this QR Code to fill in our Sunday Structure Questionnaire and Contact Form.
Or you can use this link
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or email Morag for a link.

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GALASHIELS FREE CHURCH

Rooted in Jesus. Reaching the Borders.

Prayer Meeting 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP 10am

The Lord's Day

1st November

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.

O Church Arise

1 O church, arise and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our Captain;
for now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
we'll stand against the devil's lies,
an army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
reaching out to those in darkness.

2 Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which he died:
an inheritance of nations.

3 Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day
ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

4 So Spirit, come! Put strength in ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of his grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory!

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Immortal Honours

1 Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head;
My God, my portion, and my living bread;
In Him I live, upon Him cast my care;
He saves from death, destruction, and despair.

2 He is my refuge in each deep distress;
The Lord my strength and glorious righteousness;
Through floods and flames He leads me safely on,
And daily makes His sovereign goodness known.

3 My every need He richly will supply;
Nor will His mercy ever let me die;
In Him there dwells a treasure all divine,
And matchless grace has made that treasure mine.

4 O that my soul could love and praise Him more,
His beauties trace, His majesty adore;
Live near His heart, upon His bosom lean;
Obey His voice, and all His will esteem.

(Words: William Gasby
Tune: William Henry Monk)

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.

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.
(Num. 6:24–26)

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.

Man's Chief End in the Midst of Suffering
1 Peter 3:17-4:11
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Christ suffered unjustly and now reigns victorious 3:17–22

Live out Christ's victory in the world: for God's will, not your flesh 4:1–6

Live out Christ's victory in the church: love and serve for God's glory 4:7–11

Family Worship:

- What does 1 Peter 3:18 tell us Jesus did for us, and why is that such good news?
- When following Jesus makes us look strange or costs us something, what does Peter want us to remember about Jesus now? Where is your answer from the Bible passage?
- In 1 Peter 4:7–11, what four things does Peter tell Christians to do while we wait for Jesus — and which one could our family practise this week?

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.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

(Psalm 107:1–3)

Psalm 96:1-8 Tune: Brother James' Air

1 O sing a new song to the LORD,
sing praises to his name;
And his salvation day by day
let all the earth proclaim.
And his salvation day by day
let all the earth proclaim.

2 His glory and his mighty deeds
to every land declare:
How great and awesome is the LORD!
With him no gods compare.
How great and awesome is the LORD!
With him no gods compare.

3 For other gods are wood and stone;
the LORD made heaven's height.
All power and majesty are his;
he dwells in glorious light.
All power and majesty are his;
he dwells in glorious light.

4 All nations, to the LORD ascribe
the glory that is due;
Glory and strength ascribe to God,
and praise his name anew.
Glory and strength ascribe to God,
and praise his name anew.
(Sing Psalms)

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.

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 Christ Jesus. 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.

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (Ezekiel 36:25–27)

READING – Genesis 6:1-22

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I Will Glory In My Redeemer

1 I will glory in my Redeemer,
whose priceless blood has ransomed me;
mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;
my only Savior before the holy Judge:
the Lamb who is my righteousness,
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

2 I will glory in my Redeemer;
my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another;
I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
my feet are firm, held by his grace,
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

3 I will glory in my Redeemer,
who carries me on eagles' wings;
he crowns my life with lovingkindness,
his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when he calls me, it will be paradise:
his face forever to behold,
his face forever to behold.

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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