

Sunday 5th December 2021: Second Sunday in Advent



The last of a series of joint services
for the Church of Scotland congregations
in the town
on the theme of



This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it. This morning we focus on signs and wonders.

We thank all involved in creating and distributing this service, and praise God for his unchanging character and unfailing love.

This order of service is for you to use as you are able:
some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud.

Others may wish to listen, and even join in with the singing: just click on the links.

If you want to join in the whole service, you'll find it here

<https://youtu.be/fjUleIxO97E>

And if you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial 01968 700121: there will be about 20 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.

NB The phone recording of the service is an abridged version –
the full service is available on YouTube.

INTROIT: For unto us a child is born (from Handel's "Messiah")

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGWfnTeHOCs>

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Graham Astles, PNK

SONG: Come! now is the time to worship

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piNh1KYOWEU>

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come!

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,
Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come!

*Brian Doerksen, 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Vineyard Music UK)
Sung by Matt Beckingham*

PRAYER OF APPROACH & Lord's Prayer

Led by Graham Astles

HYMN: What a friend we have in Jesus

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pi1-5kmbkyQ>

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!

*Words: Joseph M. Scriven (1855); Tune (Converse): composed by Charles C. Converse (1868)
Arranged by Celtic Worship; #CelticWorship #WhatAFriendWeHaveInJesus
Video by Etive Creations: <https://www.etivecreations.co.uk>*

HOLY HABITS REFLECTIONS Peter Wood & Rosie Townsley

BIBLE READINGS (both from the ESV)

Reader Cathie

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Luke 8:46-49

But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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HOLY HABITS REFLECTIONS Sheena Allan, Wilma Wilson & Lorna Ward

SONG: Come on and celebrate

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ekZlByjMVl>

Come on and celebrate

His gift of love.

We will celebrate

The Son of God who loved us

And gave us life.

We'll shout Your praise, O King,

You give us joy nothing else can bring,

We'll give to You our offering

In celebration praise.

Come on and celebrate, celebrate,

Celebrate and sing;

Celebrate and sing to the King.

Come on and celebrate, celebrate,

Celebrate and sing;

Celebrate and sing to the King.

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Recorded by Matt Beckingham

HOLY HABITS REFLECTIONS Graham Astles & Fiona Charleson (PNK)

A JOURNEY OF MANY STEPS: Invitation & Affirmation

Rev Peter Wood (PSH)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Neil Cape (PStM)

HYMN: Will you come and follow me?

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-Bq1YtpQL8>

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare,

should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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BLESSING

Graham Astles

Ending with these words:

And all God's people said: **Amen**

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The following congregations were involved in this service:

- PNK: Penicuik North
- PSH: Penicuik South with Howgate
- StM: Penicuik St Mungo's

Next Sunday 12th December in St Mungo's:

3rd Sunday in Advent



Next KIP service: Sunday 11th January (note date)

We begin a new series on

"The Five Marks of Mission"