

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Second Sunday in Advent 4 December 2022

Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves



Finding Time for To Be Still this Christmas

Call to Worship – Lighting of Advent Candle

Leader: Advent means coming.

ALL: We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom:

Voice 1: The nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more. (Is 2:4)
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them. (Is 11:6)

ALL: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Praise: CH4 474 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captives free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

For him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The mountain dews shall nourish
a seed, in weakness sown,
whose fruit shall spread and flourish
and shake like Lebanon.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness and fountains
from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blessed.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever;
That name to us is Love.

Prayers of Approach Lord's Prayer

Praise CH4 755 Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am God. x3

I am the Lord who saves and heals. x3

In you, Lord God, I put my trust. x3

The Word of God

Isaiah 11:1-10

*¹A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*

*²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

*He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;*

*⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

*⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.*

*⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.*

*⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

*⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.*

*⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.*

St Matthew 3:1-11

*³In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea,
proclaiming, ²'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³This is the one of
whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:*

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight." '*

*⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food
was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out
to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river
Jordan, confessing their sins.*

7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Praise 478 Behold the amazing gift of love

Behold the amazing gift of love
the father hath bestowed on us,
in calling us his own,
the children of our God!

Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not when he came,
even Gods eternal son.

High is the rank we now possess;
but higher we shall rise,

though what we shall hereafter be
is hid from mortal eyes.

Our souls, we know, when he appears,
shall bear his image bright;
For all his glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.

A hope so great and so divine
may trials well endure;
And purge the soul from sense and sin,
as Christ himself is pure.

Reflection

Praise CH4 189 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:

how awesome is the sight –
our radiant king of light!
Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him -
in from faith receive from him.
Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Prayers for Others

Praise CH4 283 The voice of God goes out to all the world (Tune Woodlands)

The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.

The great King's herald cries from star to
star:

with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

The Lord has said: "receive my
messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made
flesh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light":
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

The broken reed he will not trample down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and heals with his
strong hand:

with power, with justice he will walk his
way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the
weak
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

His touch will open eyes that darkness
held;
The lame shall run, the halting tongue shall
sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
with power, with justice, he will walk his
way.

Blessing

Take home Suggestions

1. Being Still - Find a quiet spot at home or outside and be still. Don't move a muscle for one minute. Peace is encountered in stillness. And don't forget to speak a word of peace each day.

2. Reverse Advent Calendar – take one of our advent calendars and instead of opening a box each day, put in a donation for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank and for those in crisis in our own community into a bag and bring the full bag to Church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day or by arrangement.

Notices

Worship Arrangements for Autumn/Winter

The Kirk Sessions have agreed that for the next few months Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home and join us on Zoom. In Church please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing.

Advent/Christmas Bible Study "Finding Time this Christmas" A five week course for individual study and group discussion prepared by Sanctuary First. The focus is on quality time - the quality time Jesus finds for us and we find for one another. Daily devotions on the weekly themes will appear on the website www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/daily worship. Discussion group will meet Saturdays throughout December in the manse, 8 Murray Avenue Tarves over coffee and rowies 9.30-10.30am as shown below. You are welcome at any or all of these meetings but it would be helpful for catering purposes to know in advance if you hope to be present.

Saturday 10 December Finding time for stillness this Christmas

Saturday 17 December Finding time to share the love this Christmas

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve Finding time to make room this Christmas

Saturday 31 December Hogmanay Finding time for Hallelujas this Christmas

You are welcome at any or all of these It would be helpful for catering purposes to know in advance if you hope to be present. If there is demand, there will also be a mid-week evening Zoom meeting (bring your own rowies!). To register an interest or for more details please contact aswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

Tuesday 13 December Joint Kirk Sessions and Boards Meeting for Formartine Churches. Kemnay Church Loaves and Fishes Centre 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 Schools Walk-through Nativity in Tarves Kirk. We would love help with decorating the church, leading craft activities, telling the story, packing goody-bags. If you can help then speak to Fiona or Joan McGill.

Thursday 15 December Haddo Choral and Operatic Society Christmas Carols Concert Tarves Kirk 7.30pm Tickets £10 Children free.

Saturday 17 December Gingerbread Village – Gingerbread villages will be created in the Formartine Churches. Come along and help construct the one in Tarves Kirk Saturday 17 December 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Details of how to make a house available from Caroline Brown CarolineFYP@outlook.com

Formartine Youth Project

FYP has been chosen by Coop as one of their local causes for the next 12 months. Please support the young people of our community and choose FYP as your cause when you swipe your membership card and we will receive 1p from every £1 spent in store by Coop members. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/73372>. This link can be shared with friends and family across the country – please get them on board too. Not a Coop member? Find out more at <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>.

Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Kirk at 10.00am

Thursday Tarves Tots in the Kirk commencing 9.30am.

Pastoral Care Please contact Alison