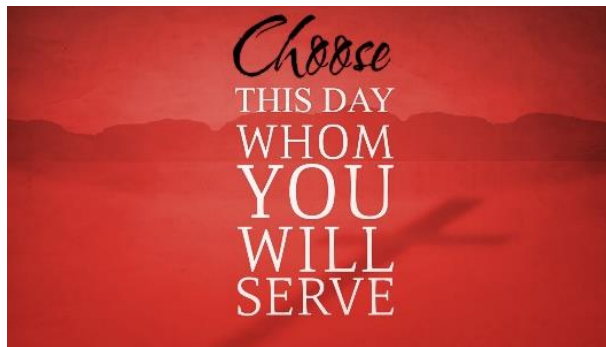


Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Sunday 19 November 2023 10.00am



Call to Worship (From Psalm 90 v1,2)

Lord, in all generations

you have been our dwelling-place

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Praise 715 (omit v3,6) Behold! The mountain of the Lord

Behold! The mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.

To this the joyful nations round,
all tribes and tongues, shall flow;
up to the hill of God, they'll say,
and to his house we'll go.

Among the nations he shall judge;
His judgments truth shall guide;
His sceptre shall protect the just,

and quail the sinners pride.

No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares man shall beat their
swords,
to pruning hooks their spears.

Come then, o house of Jacob! Come
to worship at his shrine;
And, walking in the light of God,
with holy beauties shine.

Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer

**Table Talk: What risks have you taken in your life?
What was the result?**

Praise: Source 450 Shout and sing

Shout for joy and sing your praises to the
King
lift your voice and let your hallelujahs ring;
Come before his throne to worship and
adore,
enter joyfully now the presence of the
Lord.
You are my Creator,

you are my Deliverer,
you are my Redeemer,
you are lord, and you are my healer.

You are my provider,
you are now my shepherd and my guide,
Jesus, Lord and king, I worship you.

The Word of God: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Praise 726 When we are living, we are in the Lord

When we are living, we are in the Lord,
and when we are dying, we are in the Lord;
For in our living and in our dying
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Each day allows us to decide for good,
loving and serving as we know we should;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sometimes we sorrow, other times
embrace,
sometimes we question everything we
face;
Yet in our yearning is deeper learning:
We belong to God, we belong to God.

Till earth is over may we always know
love never fails us: God has made it so.
Hard times will prove us, never remove
us;
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sermon

Praise 543 Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

*Shine in your Church gathered
today.*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your Kingdom come.

Prayers for Others

Praise 561 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of his spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my saviour all the day
long.*

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Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Benediction

Notices

Worship Arrangements

Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am.
This service will normally be accessible on Zoom.

Next Sunday 26 November

10.00am Joint worship with Pitmedden at Tarves followed by coffee and social time – donations of home baking welcome.

Today Tarves Kirk Session meet in Tarves vestry after worship.

Wednesday 22 November 12.45pm Tarves Kirk Meeting for Volunteers for Walk Through Nativity for Tarves and Barthol Chapel. Meeting for anyone willing to help with this provision for the schools. Help required with packing bags, sourcing scenery and props, setting up as well as on the day itself.

Sunday 3 November Barthol Chapel Kirk Session and Congregational Board meet in Tarves vestry after worship

Gingerbread Village – time to get crafty with your cardboard houses/shops etc. More information on the notice-board.

Tarves Tuesday Coffee Mornings 10.00 – 11.00am. All welcome.

Tarves Tots Thursday mornings 9.30-11.00am

Pastoral Care: Please contact Alison Swindells Tel 01651 851295.

Tarves Kirk Cards/Notelets are available – bundles of 12 for a suggested donation of £5.00. All proceeds to Youth Hall Refurbishment.