



Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service

Sunday 3 December 2023 10.00am

First Sunday in Advent

Sung Call to worship with Lighting of First Advent Candle

Light a candle bright and tall
For the Hope within our world.
Hope that heard the ages' call
As the stars and planets whirled.
Shine within our hearts today
Come, O Hope, to us, we pray.

Praise 273 O come, o come Emmanuel (omit v4)

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the Law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free,
thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave:

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Prayer of Approach

Response: Light the flame of hope in our hearts.

Prayer of Confession

Response: May we follow the Advent star.

Lord's Prayer

Table Talk: Advent is a journey. Who would you like to join you on your journey? Who are the people who often get overlooked or forgotten and don't get invited to join your journey?

Praise: 277 Hark the glad sound

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
Let every heart exalt with joy,
and every voice with song!

He comes, the prisoners to relieve,
in Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken hearts to bind,
the bleeding souls to cure;
And with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

The sacred year has now revolved,
accepted of the Lord,

The Word of God: Isaiah 40:1-11

*40 Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.*

*2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's
hand
double for all her sins.*

*3 A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of
the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway
for our God.*

*4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made
low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.*

*5 Then the glory of the LORD shall
be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'*

when heaven's high promise is fulfilled,
and Israel is restored.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heavens exalted arches ring
with thy most honoured name.

*6 A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the
field.*

*7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon
it;*

*surely the people are grass.
8 The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for
ever.*

*9 Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'*

*10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.*

*11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.*

Matthew 8:1-4

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; ²and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' ³He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'

Praise 192 All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he
guides me,

only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts forever,
deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,

Sermon

Praise 721 We lay our broken world

We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war, and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.

Here human life seems less
than profit, might, and pride,
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken towns,
our neighbours hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain and wounds
for new life can be used.

beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore,
from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God in heaven
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
Then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

Come Spirit, on us breathe,
with life and strength anew;
Find in us love, and hope, and trust,
and lift us up to you.

Prayers for Others

Praise 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.

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.

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

Walk Through Nativity We are looking for volunteers willing to help with this provision for the schools. Help required with sourcing scenery and props (suggested list on the notice-board), and setting up after worship on Sunday 10 November.

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

FYP

FYP were awarded £1982.94. Thanks to all who supported FYP through their shopping with the Coop.

Alpha Course – Coffee Apothecary, Pitmedden Wednesday Evenings 7.00 – 9.00pm Commencing 17 January 2024.

For more details contact David Price e-mail david@pricebs.co.uk

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