

ORDER OF SERVICE - 2 FEBRUARY 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 2 February 2025 – Candlemas – Presentation of the Lord

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time at < bit.ly/greyfriarstv >.

Organ: Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich BWV719

J.S. Bach

Light, Revealing

Grace-Evangeline Mason

Introit: When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,
him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.
He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,
the Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be
as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee;
and when we must from earth departure take,
may gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

tr. J. Troutbeck

Johannes Eccard

Call to Worship

Hymn 202: Stand up and bless the Lord;
all people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Carlisle

2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
give thanks and glorify?

3. O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

4. God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name
both now and evermore.

James Montgomery

Welcome

Opening Prayers

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day:

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented in the temple and acclaimed the light of the nations. Grant that in him we may be presented to you, and in the world may shine as lights reflecting his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 52 (Psalm 84):

Harington

1. How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace,
how pleasant, Lord, they be!
2. My thirsty soul longs vehemently,
yea faints, thy courts to see:
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.
3. Behold, the sparrow findeth out
an house wherein to rest;
the swallow also for herself
hath found her place to nest;
4. Ev'n thine own altars, where she safe
her young ones forth may bring,
O thou almighty Lord of hosts,
who art my God and King.
5. Blest are they in thy house who dwell,
they ever give thee praise.
And blest are they whose strength thou art,
in whose heart are thy ways.

Scottish Psalter

The Word of God

Malachi 3: 1 - 4

Reader: Colin Graham

The Coming Messenger

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hebrews 2: 14 - 18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hymn 543:

Christ be our Light

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

Bernadette Farrell

Luke 2: 22 – 40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem:

(accompanist: André Theng)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Psalm 24: 7 – 10

William Mathias

Sermon: 'Light and Shade'

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Immanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.

This Spirit is our soul companion and counsellor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen

The Offering

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Offertory Prayer and Pastoral Prayer: Rebecca Grant

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen*

Hymn 498: Angel voices ever singing
round your throne of light,
angel harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless you
and confess you Lord of might.

Angel Voices

2. Lord, we know your heart rejoices
in each work divine,
you did ears and hands and voices
for your praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for your pleasure all combine.

3. In your house our gifts we offer
from your love so free;
and for your acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

4. Honour, glory, might, and merit
yours shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Earth and heaven join in praising,
voices raising joyfully.

Francis Pott

Prayer and Benediction

Amen

May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.

Organ: Processional

William Mathias

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

9:15am – Early Communion - Sue MacGregor

10:30am – Main Service - Sue MacGregor

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 6 February

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 9 February

10:30am – Main Service - Bert Kerrigan

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 13 February

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 16 February

10:30am – Main Service – Dr. John Carswell

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

7pm – Refugio

Thursday 20 February

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 23 February

10am – TLC service at St Columba's by the Castle

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Ministry Team

Our Associate Minister Rev Sue MacGregor has been called to the charge of Helensburgh Parish Church. Her final service with us is next week, Sunday 9 February at 10.30 am. We hope to see as many of you here as possible as we thank and congratulate her and give her a small presentation. If you wish to contribute to her leaving present or sign the card please get in touch with Ellen in the Kirk office on 0131 225 1900 or contact@greyfriarskirk.com. Her induction at Helensburgh is at 7 pm on Tuesday 18 February and should be available to view on their Youtube channel, via their website <https://www.helensburghcos.org/>

With Sue's departure we are delighted to share the news that Rev Dr John Carswell, who preached here last week, has been appointed as our locum minister during our continuing vacancy. Until recently John was minister of Cadzow Parish Church in Hamilton, and is Director of the Craighead Institute. After 9 February he can be reached through the office or at minister@greyfriarskirk.com

Charteris Community Coffee Mornings!

The regular coffee mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, will continue at 10.30 am this Thursday, 6 February, and fortnightly thereafter.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 6 February

12pm - Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:
Michael Turpie (small pipes)
& Linda Campbell (accordion)

Thursday 13 February

12pm - Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:
Caitlin Scott Heathcote (oboe)
& Anna Michels (piano)

Thursday 20 February

12pm - Greyfriars @ 12 Concert:
Wesley Hua (guitar)

*More information on
services and events can be
found on our [website](#) or by
scanning the QR code:*



Open Lecture with Rev Dr Richard Frazer

On Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 7pm, there will be an open lecture at St Giles', organised by the under-40s group. Our speaker will be the Rev Dr Richard Frazer, who will be reflecting on the topic 'When Catastrophe Strikes, Go for a Walk,' based on a new edition of his book on Pilgrimage.

Volunteers

With our slimmed-down ministry team we are more than ever dependent on members of the congregation for the various essential roles to support our worship week by week. We are keen to expand the various rotas. Do get in touch if you can help, even if only once in a while.

For bible reading and pastoral prayers, contact

Naomi Stewart < naomistewart23@gmail.com >;

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or Bob Bradley < robertbradley152@gmail.com >;

for catering, contact Isobel Hutchings < bertishutchings@btinternet.com >;

for live streaming, contact Peter Rae < peterwhrae@btinternet.com >;

for midweek prayers, contact Shirley Bell < shirley12bell@gmail.com >;

and for choir and music, Caroline Cradock < organist@greyfriarskirk.com >.

Many thanks.

Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after today's service for a chat over tea or coffee and biscuits, served at the back of the church beneath the organ. If you are new to the Kirk, or are visiting after some time away, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service.

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

Our Associate Minister is Rev Sue MacGregor and our Church of Scotland Reader is Prof Bert Kerrigan. If you would like to get in touch for any reason, to hear about how things are going at Greyfriars, to seek support or pastoral care, or simply to share a cup of tea and a chat, you will be very welcome. Please contact the Kirk office by phone (0131 225 1900) or by email to either minister@greyfriarskirk.com or contact@greyfriarskirk.com



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