

ORDER OF SERVICE – 1 FEBRUARY 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 1 February 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Candlemas)

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars.

All our services are available for viewing at any time

on our YouTube channel at < bit.ly/greyfriarstv >.

Organ: 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

Leader: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

All: *May we hear your call and speak your truth.*

Leader: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

All: *Gather us in honest and faithful community.*

Leader: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

All: *Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.*

Leader: God calls us to seek justice:

All: *let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.*

Leader: God calls us to show kindness:

All: *let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.*

Leader: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit:

All: *let us join the work of the kingdom in humility and hope.*

Leader: Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.

Hymn 264: Judge Eternal, throned in splendour

Crüger

1. *Judge Eternal, throned in splendour, Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgement purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion with the healing of your wings.*
2. *Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release;
and the city's crowded clangour dries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.*
3. *Crown, O God, your own endeavour; cleave our darkness with your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry with the richness of your word;
cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.*

Henry Scott Holland

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

led by the Rev Calum Macdougall

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

at H. 648

Collect for the Day: *Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Hymn 461: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

St Peter

1. *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.*
2. *It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.*
3. *Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.*
4. *Jesus, my Shepherd, Husband, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.*
5. *Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
but, when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.*
6. *Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.*

John Newton

The Word of God

Micah 6: 1 – 8 (OT p. 900)

Reader: Andrew Morrice

God Challenges Israel

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

‘O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.’

What God Requires

‘With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 31 (NT p. 177)

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?

(over)

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Hymn 666: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

1. *Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending, comes our homage to demand.*
2. *King of kings., yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords we now receive him in the body and the blood,
as he gives to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.*
3. *Rank on rank the host of heaven streams before him on the way,
as the Light of light descending from the realms of endless day
conquers all the powers of darkness, drives the gloom of hell away.*
4. *At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high'.*

Liturgy of St James, tr. Gerard Moultrie

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessèd are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessèd are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessèd are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessèd are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessèd are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessèd are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessèd are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessèd are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessèd are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.'

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

Sermon

Anthem:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Affirmation of Faith

We rejoice in the faith that we share. We believe that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond human understanding to comprehend fully. We believe that God is revealed in the Divine work of Creation, in the miracle of life in the plant and animal kingdoms, in the wondrous blessing of human love and, above all, in the life and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his sacrificial love, in his death on the Cross, in his rising from the tomb and in his Ascension to the right hand of the Father, through which we have the promise of abundant and eternal life. We believe in the power of God's love in Christ, transforming the world and disclosing that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of Divine love.

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human. God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began; human from the being of his mother, born in the world; fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body. As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is one of and with us. We believe God's Word became flesh in Christ and lived among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

We believe in the Holy Spirit of God, Christ's promised gift to his followers, Comforter, Counsellor, Enabler, Guide, Inspiration and the very essence of the life of the Church.

We commit to continue to proclaim Christ through our worship and in our outreach and mission in our community and beyond. We aspire to live day by day with Jesus Christ as our supreme example, in the hope that our lives may reflect his love and his abundant grace.

Amen.

The Offering

St. Magnus, at H. 806

*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Sharon Barnes

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 519: Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
3. *Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Amen

at H. 820

Organ: Chorale improvisation 'Nun danket alle Gott'

S. Karg-Elert

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 05 February 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 08 February 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Thursday 05 February 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 Thursday 12 February 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 Tuesday 17 February 7:30pm – Piano Orchestra of South Wales
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

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 the Ministry Team before or after the service.

Newsletter: "The Kirk Post"

The next edition of The Kirk Post will be published in February. The deadline for an article submission is Monday 09 February. Please send these to Deborah using the email address below.

If you did not receive a copy of the first edition, and you would like to, please email Deborah in the Kirk office at communications@greyfriarskirk.com and she will add you to the distribution list.

Car Parking

To help us manage access to the Kirkyard, can anyone who requires access to park please arrive between 10:10 am and 10:25 am. If there is no one at the gate then please call 07598 470 320, and one of our welcomers will come down to unlock the gate and let you in.

Parking in the Kirkyard is prioritised for those leading worship, music, involved in catering, or for those requiring disabled access by reason of impaired mobility. The ideal capacity is 6 cars parked in the kirkyard. Use the map below to understand where vehicles need to be safely parked.



Please note that City centre parking (for instance in Candlemaker Row) remains free on a Sunday until 12.30 pm and every day after 6.30 pm.

Greyfriars Kirk re-opening to Visitors

After a month well-spent carrying out essential maintenance and providing our volunteers with some rest, as well as the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills through our new development programme, we will be re-opening to daily visiting from tomorrow, Monday 02 February.

You can view our opening hours on our website under 'Visitor Info'.

Greyfriars@12 Winter Series

We're back with the next series of our lunchtime concerts from this Thursday, 05 February. The first concert is the RSNO String Quartet. Please spread the word that the new season is almost upon us! A5 leaflets to take away are available from the stand by the doors.

Charteris Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, is on Thursday 05 February from 10.30 am.

Volunteers – Kirk weekday welcomers

We're looking for friendly volunteers to join our Welcomers team.

Greyfriars Kirk welcomed over 100,000 visitors last year, a feat that wouldn't be possible without our fantastic welcomer volunteer team. As the first point of contact for visitors, our Welcomers help to enhance each visitor's experience by sharing knowledge, facilitating conversations, and assisting with purchases in the gift shop.

If you enjoy extending a warm welcome to others and have an interest in the Kirk's history, please get in touch with the Kirk office: volunteering@greyfriarskirk.com

Safeguarding

Your Church of Scotland Safeguarding Officer is Alison Noble.

You can contact Alison in person, via the church office, or by email: safeguarding@greyfriarskirk.com. There are posters displayed in the Kirk office and in the kitchen with more information.

Volunteers – Sunday Worship

We're looking to expand the number of volunteers who undertake essential roles in support of our weekly worship. There are various opportunities to assist and become more involved in worship. Please use the relevant contact information below to get in touch if you can help, even if only occasionally.

Bible reading and pastoral prayers Stephanie Rae stephanierae@btinternet.com	Welcoming team Jo Elliot sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com Nigel Robb deputysessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com
Catering team Isobel Hutchings bertishutchings@btinternet.com	Tech team Peter Rae peterwhrae@btinternet.com
Midweek Prayers Gillian Couper Gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk	Choir and music Caroline Cradock organist@greyfriarskirk.com
Flower team Mary Macpherson marybmacpherson@outlook.com Clem Bradley clementinabradley@gmail.com	Pastoral care visiting team Nigel Robb deputysessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

You can contact our Locum Minister, Calum Macdougall, to discuss pastoral matters with him either by email: MMacdougall@churchofscotland.org.uk or arrange to meet with him by calling the Kirk office on 0131 225 1900.

You are very welcome to get in touch with our ministry team for any reason - whether to hear how things are going at Greyfriars, to seek support or pastoral care, or simply to share a cup of tea and a chat.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to join the Pastoral Care Visiting Team and offer to visit those who cannot attend Church.

Please contact the Kirk office to arrange a meeting with a member of the Ministry team.

Phone: 0131 225 1900

Email: contact@greyfriarskirk.com.

Offerings by Gift Aid:

The Gift Aid scheme allows us to reclaim tax on offerings, by 25p in the £. If you are a UK taxpayer, please take advantage by using one of the envelopes in the backs of the chairs.



It is important to **fill in your name** (and address if you are not already on our list) – we have been getting some blank envelopes back which cannot be used for tax reclaim.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code that will take you to our donation page, or you can donate by card through our new card readers by the main doors, which allow you to choose the amount

Many thanks