

ORDER OF SERVICE – 11 JANUARY 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 11 January 2026 – The Baptism of Jesus

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: O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig BWV618

J.S. Bach

Introit: If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray
the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that
he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

John 14: 15 – 17

Thomas Tallis

Call to Worship

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you, his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

All: *For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.*

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you, his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

All: *Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.*

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you, his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

All: *Our souls shall praise you and not be silent.
We shall give thanks to you for ever.*

Minister: Let us worship God.

Hymn 474: Hail to the Lord's anointed

Crüger

1. *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 captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.*
2. *He comes with succour speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.*
3. *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 in fountains from hill to valley flow.*
4. *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.*
5. *O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever; that name to us is Love.*

James Montgomery

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

led by Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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

at H. 648

Collect for the Day: *Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Hymn 471: To the name of our salvation

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

1. *To the name of our salvation laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but with holy exultation we may sing aloud today.*
2. *Jesus is the name we treasure, name beyond what words can tell,
name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and heart delighting well;
name of power beyond all measure, saving us from sin and hell.*
3. *Jesus is the name exalted over every other name;
in this name whene'er assaulted we can put our foes to shame;
strength to those who would have halted,
eyes to blind, and feet to lame.*
4. *Therefore we in love adoring this most blessèd name revere,
Holy Jesus, thee imploring so to write it in us here,
that hereafter, heavenward soaring, we may sing with angels there.*

15th century, tr. John Mason Neale and others

The Word of God

Isaiah 42: 1 – 9 (OT p. 697)

Reader: Isobel Hutchings

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Acts 10: 34 - 43 (NT p. 138)

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hymn 459: Crown Him with many crowns

Diademata

1. *Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*
2. *Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

3. *Crown him the Lord of Love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring

Matthew 3: 13 - 17 (NT p. 3)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Belovèd, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

Sermon

Anthem:

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper

C.V. Stanford

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe God the Father by whose Word all things came into being.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the Son of God: born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In his earthly ministry, Jesus, the Word of God incarnate, became one of us and one with us; he made known God's compassion and mercy and gave hope, declaring forgiveness of sin and offering healing and wholeness to all. When Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan the Spirit descended on him like a dove and a voice from heaven declared: "This is my Son, the Belovèd, with whom I am well pleased."

We believe in the Holy Spirit who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church. The Spirit guides us in faith, renews us in the sacraments and calls us to serve God in the world.

We believe Baptism marks the beginning of our lifelong journey with God. In Baptism we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, and commit ourselves to the service of Christ in the world.

Amen.

The Offering

Old 100th, at H. 807

*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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Catherine Alexander

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: *hear our prayer.*

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 201: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Was lebet, was schwebet at H. 327

1. *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his name.*
2. *Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*
3. *Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*
4. *These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.*
5. *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his name.*

John Monsell

Benediction

*Amen
at H. 820*

Organ: Andante maestoso (on an old Irish melody)

C.V. Stanford

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12:30pm – Gaelic Service
Thursday 15th January	1.10pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 18th January	10.00am: TLC Service at St Columba's by the Castle
	12.30pm: Gaelic Service
	7.30pm: Refugio - Holy Communion with silence and symbol
Sunday 25th January	10.30am: Holy Communion at Greyfriars — joint service with St Cuthbert's
	12.30pm: Gaelic Service

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.

TLC Service

The first of our three annual TLC services will take place next Sunday at St Columba's by the Castle. **Please note the earlier start time of 10.00am.** TLC stand for the The Local Church, and it is an ecumenical partnership with our local Scottish Episcopal and United Reformed Churches. Please also take this opportunity to meet Juliet Stephenson, who was appointed as Rector of St Columba's last year.

Car Parking

In order 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, and someone 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.

Charteris Community Coffee Morning

The next Community Coffee morning at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre will be on Thursday week, January 22, at 9.30am.

Newsletter: The Kirk Post"

We hope that all of you enjoyed the first edition of The Kirk Post, which will now be sent out by email every two months or so. If you did not receive a copy, and would like to, please email Deborah in the Kirk office at communications@greyfriarskirk.com and she will add you to the distribution list.

10% off at Coffee Saints in the Grassmarket Community Project

Our cafes Coffee Saints in Candlemaker Row and Little King Street are keen to welcome congregation members for coffee, brunch or lunch 7 days a week.

Cards entitling you to the discount for the whole of 2026 are now available at the serving hatch at the back of the church; please take one with the compliments of GCP and fill in your name to validate it.

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, or 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.

As an alternative the Kirk is gratefully accepting donations by card through our new card readers by the main doors, which allow you to choose the amount given.