

ORDER OF SERVICE – 8 FEBRUARY 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 8 February 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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: Lento from Set 2, no.3

C. V. Stanford

Introit: Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way
plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5: 8 and 4: 8

S. S. Wesley

Call to Worship

Minister: Come, people of God, the Light of Christ has dawned!

All: *We gather to walk in that light, to see and be seen by God.*

Minister: God calls us to be salt for the earth and light for the world.

All: *We come, ready to shine with God's love
and share God's grace.*

Minister: The One who formed the stars and set the seas in motion
is here among us.

All: *We lift our hearts in praise, for God's glory is revealed!*

Minister: Let us worship God, whose light never fades
and whose love never ends.

Hymn 147: All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns Erfreuen

1. *All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Bright brother sun with golden beam,
clear sister moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
2. *Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong,
high clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
New-breaking dawn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
3. *Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright,
giving to all both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
4. *Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds God's blessings on our way, O praise him, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
5. *And all who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O praise him, alleluia!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care:
praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
6. *And you, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our fading breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
You homeward lead the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way has trod:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

7. *Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

St Francis of Assisi, tr. William Henry Draper

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

led by Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. at H. 776
(Lord, have mercy)

Collect for the Day: *Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon
and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen*

Hymn 93: Let us with a gladsome mind Monkland

1. *Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*
2. *Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the God:*
3. *He with all-commanding might, filled the new-made world with light:*
4. *He his chosen race did bless in the wasteful wilderness:*
5. *All things living he doth feed; his full hand supplies their need:*
6. *Let us then with gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

John Milton

The Word of God

Isaiah 58: 1 – 9a (OT p. 715)

Reader: Laura Dunlop

False and True Worship

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.

‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 16 (NT p. 128)

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

(over)

And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The True Wisdom of God

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him’ —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

‘For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?’

But we have the mind of Christ.

Hymn 153: Great is thy faithfulness

Faithfulness

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by
morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2. *Summer and winter, seed time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*
3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

Thomas Chisholm

Matthew 5: 13 - 20 (NT p. 4)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Salt and Light

Jesus said, '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. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

(over)

The Law and the Prophets

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

Sermon

Anthem: Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 here would we touch and handle things unseen;
 Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace
 and all my weariness upon Thee lean.

 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
 here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
 Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
 here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Horatius Bonar

Percy Whitlock

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, omnipotent and omniscient, source of all life and all being. We believe that God speaks his eternal Word in Jesus Christ. We believe in God's promised gift of the Holy Spirit, through which we come to faith and are empowered as disciples of Jesus Christ. We trust in God's love and wisdom: fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ, present to us through the Holy Spirit's working in the Church and beyond. We believe that God is calling the whole creation into a future of justice, peace and love. We believe that we are called to be the salt of the earth and that the light of Christ should shine in and through our lives. We share in Christ's risen life, and commit ourselves anew to model our living and our relationships according to the Kingdom values taught by Christ. We believe that we are called to care for God's Creation, to extend hospitality to the stranger in our midst, to care for those who are sick or are sorrowing and to see Christ in all who are our neighbours. We believe that through Christ's sacrificial love we are offered abundant life and are called to share that promise with the world.

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

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Pastoral Prayer

Margaret Wallace

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 112: God, whose almighty word

Moscow

1. *God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.*
2. *Saviour, who came to bring,
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind let there be light.*
3. *Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move o'er the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.*
4. *Blessèd and holy Three,
glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide let there be light.*

John Marriott and Thomas Raffles

Benediction

*Amen
at H. 819*

Organ: Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'

R. Vaughan Williams

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 12 February 1:10pm – Midweek prayers Sunday 15 February 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm- Gaelic Service 7:00pm - Refugio	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.

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

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 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 and St. Cuthbert's Luncheon

Following the Joint Service of Holy Communion at St. Cuthbert's on Sunday 22 February, all are warmly invited to a joint luncheon of soup and sandwiches.

Greyfriars@12 Winter Series

We're back with our next series of Thursday concerts at 12 noon. The concert this Thursday, 12 February, is by the pianist Simeon Walker.

Please take an A5 leaflet to share with family and friends.

Charteris Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 19 February, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, 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