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Our service today is led by Rev Lorna Tunstall

Call to worship

HYMN CH4 127 : O worship the King, all glorious above

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above ;
O gratefully sing his power and his love ;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space ;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds
form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old ;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite ?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light ;
it streams from the hills ; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail ;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend !
- 6 O measureless might, ineffable love !
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, in lowlier ways,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant (1779 – 1838) from Psalm 104

Opening prayer with the Lord's prayer

All age talk

HYMN CH4 193 : God is love, his the care

- 1 God is love : his the care,
tending each, everywhere.
God is love — all is there !
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him :
Sing aloud, loud, loud !
Sing aloud, loud, loud !
God is good ! God is truth !
God is beauty ! Praise him !
- 2 None can see God above ;
all must here learn to love,
thus may we Godward move,
him in others,
sisters all, and brothers :
- 3 Jesus shared joy and pain,
lived and died, rose again,
rules our hearts, now as then ;
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us :
- 4 To our Lord praise we sing —
light and life, friend and king,
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty :

Percy Dearmer (1867 – 1936)

[Children leave for Sunday School]

Old Testament - Isaiah 43: 1-7

God Promises to Rescue His People

Israel, the Lord who created you says, “Do not be afraid—I will save you. I have called you by name—you are mine.

²When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

³For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you. I will give up Egypt to set you free; I will give up Ethiopia and Seba.

⁴I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me and because I love you and give you honour.

⁵Do not be afraid—I am with you! “From the distant east and the farthest west I will bring your people home. /

⁶I will tell the north to let them go and the south not to hold them back.

Let my people return from distant lands, from every part of the world.

⁷They are my own people, and I created them to bring me glory.”

Gospel – Luke 3 : 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵People's hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. ¹⁶So John said to all of them, “I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷He has his winnowing shovel with him, to thresh out all the grain and gather the wheat into his barn; but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out.”

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you.”

HYMN CH4 97 : O God, you search me, and you know me

O God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting, you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too

Although your Spirit is upon me
Still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new
Mmm, all creation is made new

Songwriters: Bernadette Farrell.
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Sermon [followed by a moment of reflection]

HYMN CH4 532 : Lord, you have come to the seashore

- 1 Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.
*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side I will seek other shores.*
- 2 Lord, see my goods, my possessions ;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour ?
- 3 Lord, take my hands, and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.
- 4 Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting-place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

Cesareo Gabarain (1936 – 1991)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

HYMN CH4 737 : Will your anchors hold in the storms of life?

- 1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife ?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain ?
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll ;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love !*
- 2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near ?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow ?

[Chorus]

- 3 Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath ?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil.

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll ;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love !*

- 4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright ?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore ?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll ;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love !*

Priscilla Jane Owens (1829 – 1907)
Music William James Kirkpatrick (1838 – 1921)

Benediction and Three -fold Amen

Please join us for teas and coffees in the hall

Family news

- **TEA BREAK** every Sunday in St James hall, Fort Street.

Come and enjoy coffee, tea , scones and cakes from 1.30pm to 4pm. Donations will go to local charities.

Tuesday 14 January, 2pm : Service in Shiell Court

Tuesday 14 January, 2pm : Broughty Ferry Guild meet at St. Luke's and Queen Street. All welcome. Talk by Peter Hay : BF Lifeboat and the work of the RNLI. Tickets for the Guild Scots Night on 23 January will be available.

Wednesday 15 January, 12 noon – 2pm Café at Barnhill St. Margaret's.

Thursday 16 January, 9 am – 11 am Pram Pushers followed by 11am – 3pm, Warm Spot @St James. Hot drinks, hot soup, warm place and a warm welcome. Free.

Foodbank donations: The Foodbank total for BFPC in 2024 was 1268.1kg A huge thank you to the congregation of BFPC and to all those of you for collecting the items from the church and delivering them to the Foodbank. It is very much appreciated.

Recycle your stamps : In 2023-24 the Church of Scotland has donated over £18,000 to charitable projects through recycling stamps. We have been part of this success and you can be too! Please recycle your stamps (allowing a border of 8mm/1/4in when cutting from an envelope) and place them in the bag outside the office. Thank you from the Eco-congregation group."

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 21 January, 2pm : Broughty Ferry Guild meet at Barnhill St Margaret's. The talk this week is on 'The history of the Whitehall Theatre'.

Wednesday 22 January, 10 am - 12 noon Coffee and chat at Barnhill St. Margaret's.

Saturday 25 January 10am : St Aidan's Green Graveyard. RSPB annual garden birdwatch. Be part of this annual event and

count with others. Alternatively, pick an hour that weekend and count birds wherever you are.

Thursday 6th February, 7pm : BFPC St James. Let's get cooking
Tickets £4 This time we will be cooking chicken curry and sticky rice, as well as a quiz and other activities.