



# Welcome to the Free North

a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland

## A GUIDE TO SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 am – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Sunday services are at 11 am & at 6 pm, both online & in-person. Contact our minister, **Rev Angus MacRae**, on: (01463) 832616; Mobile: 07506 006459; Email: [angusmacrae1967@gmail.com](mailto:angusmacrae1967@gmail.com). You can contact **Carrie Marlow**, our **Women's Pastoral Worker**, on: [carrie.marlow@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:carrie.marlow@freenorthchurch.org) or 07583 498782.

### WELCOME

Welcome to the Free North, particularly if you are with us for the first time or exploring the Christian faith. We would love to help you become part of the Christian family. We usually stand for our praise songs and Psalms and remain seated for the majority of the service. Refreshments are served in the church hall after morning and evening services. Younger children will be invited to leave for age-appropriate activities part-way through morning service. There is no need to book a place to attend. A small area at the back on both sides of the church is reserved for those who wish to be seated in a social distancing zone. The Government advises the use of face coverings indoors for adults, unless exempt. For live online worship subscribe to our YouTube channel at: [www.youtube.com/c/FreeNorthChurchInverness](http://www.youtube.com/c/FreeNorthChurchInverness). **This morning Rev Colin MacLeod (from Gairloch, Torridon & Kinlochewe) will conduct worship, and baptise his grandson, Mason Holmes.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM MATTHEW 28:18-20)

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

### SONG: IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

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No power of hell, no scheme of man;  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Today we pray for sister churches in **Kiltarlity & Beaully** (minister, Rev Stephen Allison), and the **Haddington** church plant in East Lothian (minister, Rev Ali Sewell).

### BAPTISM OF MASON HOLMES BY REV COLIN MACLEOD

Children will leave after the following song.

#### PSALM 23 (STUART TOWNEND'S VERSION)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone.  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

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#### BIBLE READING: MARK 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?' <sup>28</sup> They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup> 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

#### SING PSALMS 72:15-19 (LM)

Long may he live! May Sheba's gold  
Be giv'n to him abundantly!  
May people ever pray for him  
And bless his name continually.

Let grain abound throughout the land,  
The tops of hills their harvest yield;  
May they bear fruit like Lebanon  
And thrive as grass grows in the field.

For ever may his name endure;  
May it continue as the sun.  
All nations will be blessed in him,  
Whom they will call the Blessed One.

Praise to the LORD—to Israel's God;  
His awesome deeds proclaim to men.  
His name be praised eternally;  
His glory fill the earth. Amen!

**SERMON BY REV COLIN MACLEOD:  
MARK 8:27-38 – “WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?”**

**SONG: MEEKNESS & MAJESTY**

Meekness and majesty,  
manhood and deity,  
in perfect harmony,  
the man who is God.

Lord of eternity  
dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility  
and washes our feet.

*O, what a mystery,  
meekness and majesty,  
bow down and worship,  
for this is your God,  
this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance,  
perfect in innocence,

yet learns obedience  
to death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
conquering through sacrifice;  
and as they crucify  
prays, 'Father, forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible;  
love indestructible  
in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity  
stooping so tenderly  
lifts our humanity  
to the heights of his throne.

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**BENEDICTION**

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**SUNDAY AT SIX – live in-person and on our YOUTUBE CHANNEL at 6 PM tonight.  
Hebrews 10:1-18. The Gospel for Inverness – How Jesus Perfects His Holy Ones.**

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**DIARY, NEWS & PRAYER**

On Sunday mornings there is a **creche** and **Sunday School** in the hall. A **Youth Fellowship** meets in the CYC building at 6 pm. Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both Sunday services.

**Zoom Fellowship tonight:** Please log on to Zoom using the usual log-on details at 7.30 pm, when **Philip Rose** will bring an update from our mission partners in **OM**. (Details available from [office@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:office@freenorthchurch.org)).

**Wednesday:** Join us in-person at the church and online on YouTube for **Church Night** at 7.30 pm. Please try to attend in person if you can. We wish to support those who take part in midweek worship from their homes. This week we again offer a **Zoom prayer time** immediately after the YouTube stream stops, for any who wish to share in prayer with others from their homes. Please watch the service on YouTube at 7.30 pm and then use the usual Zoom details to have fellowship and prayer online with others from around 8 pm.

**Thursday: Road to Recovery** meets in the fellowship area at 7.30 pm. Details from Martin MacLean.

**Friday Online Prayer:** A 30-minute Prayer Time on the usual Zoom codes, starting at 9 am.

**Friday Praise Night:** Join us at 6.30 pm this Friday for an **Evening of Praise and Testimony**. Bring the whole family and invite your friends. The offering on the night will support the **Live-Stream Project**.

Next Sunday we will next share in **Communion** at 11 am. We often welcome new church members at communion. If you have come to faith in Jesus and wish to profess your faith publicly for the first time or wish to transfer church membership to the Free North, please speak to Angus or any elder.

**Week of Prayer - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September:** We hope many will be able to come in person to pray from **9 to 10 am** (come and go as required during that hour). It will greatly encourage the church family if as many as possible try to attend daily morning prayers or the Wednesday evening of prayer from 7.30 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup>. As we lift up the spiritual needs of our city and nation to God, we pray for spiritual protection, a deepening commitment to the gospel, and for spiritual growth and maturity. Ask God to send 10 new families, or families of new believers, to transform the work of our Free North Church and the Merkinch Church plant. Pray that our Young People would continue to find ways to get stuck into church life and to form and maintain good relationships, both with Christians and with non-Christians. Pray too that they would not depart from all they have been taught and that they would stand strong in the faith.

Our **Ladies' Bible Study** restarts on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 10.30 am (at Brenda Macleod's, 81 Holm Park) and 7.45 pm (at Carrie's, 6 Iona Road). This term we study the *Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation 2-3*. There is a **Study Guide** available to pick up today. For more information, if you need a Study Guide delivered, or to request a lift, please get in touch with Carrie on [carrie.marlow@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:carrie.marlow@freenorthchurch.org) or 07583 498782. Future dates are 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept., 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Oct., 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. and 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The **Guys Groups** meet this term on Mondays (13<sup>th</sup> Sept.; 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.; 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November; and 6<sup>th</sup> December). We are reading Kent Hughes' *"Disciplines of a Godly Man"*. Copies cost £9 and are available at church or can be delivered. We meet on Zoom at 10 am and meet in person at 7 pm at various locations. For 13<sup>th</sup> September, please read pages 47-60.

**Helping with Teas and Coffees:** It is wonderful to be able to gather for fellowship over tea and coffee after services. There is a sign-up sheet for September for anyone interested in helping out serving teas.

**Women for Mission (WFM) Online Conference:** Saturday 18 September, 11 am to 12.30 pm. The theme is *Salt & Light: Distinctive Christian Living in a Hostile World*. Details from [womenformission.org](http://womenformission.org).

**Note from Jane MacLeod (01463 237310):** Coffee@Dobbies can happen again - assuming no changes to Covid restrictions. The ladies plan to meet from 10.30 am on the first and third Tuesdays of the month (i.e. 7 & 21 Sep, 05 & 19 Oct and so on). So please come along, buy your coffee and go to the quieter area to the left of the till. The aim of these informal meetings is to encourage friendship and support amongst the ladies in the congregation and all are most welcome. If you need a lift please let me know and I'll try to arrange one. It would be really good if you could bring a toiletry item (toothbrush/paste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) for the Blythswood box appeal. We plan to fill the boxes on 26 Oct. (details to be confirmed).

**Supporting our work:** Thank you to all who give generously to maintain and develop the work of our church. You can donate at our website (PayPal logo), in the offering plate, or directly to our "Free North Church" bank account (82-65-18, a/c number 40246657). Direct enquiries to Mrs Barbara Macphail: [treasurer@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@freenorthchurch.org). Donations can be for our general fund, a specific project (such as the Women's Worker, or Live Stream project) or earmarked for our local Congregational Development Fund.