



Welcome to the Free North

a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland

A GUIDE TO SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 am – Sunday 28th November 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. You can contact **Carrie Marlow**, our **Women's Pastoral Worker**, on: 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. Refreshments are served in the hall after both services. Younger children will be invited to leave for age-appropriate activities part-way through morning service. Please use a face covering indoors, unless exempt. Subscribe to our YouTube channel for live worship and to listen again at home: www.youtube.com/c/FreeNorthChurchInverness.

Today we warmly welcome two guest preachers, Dr John Ross (11 am service) and Mr Donnie MacLeod (6 pm service).

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON ISAIAH 52)

Minister: Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out!

Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.

ALL: Let us break forth into singing, for the LORD has comforted his people.

He has redeemed Jerusalem. Amen.

PSALM 24:7-10 (CM)

Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

But who of glory is the King?
The mighty LORD is this;
Ev'n that same LORD, that great in might
and strong in battle is.

Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The LORD of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

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PRAYERS OF APPROACH & LORD'S PRAYER

Today we pray for sister churches **LONDON CITY PRESBYTERIAN** (who have called Rev Andy Longwe and are also served by their Associate Pastor, Harrison Perkins), and **BADENOCH** (cared for by Rev Dr Alistair Wilson).

GOD'S PROMISE OF PARDON - FOLLOWED BY A TALK TO THE CHILDREN

HYMN: ACROSS THE LANDS (YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER)

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory;
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out
across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry;
With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free!
Chorus.

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven,
Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home!
Chorus (repeat).

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BIBLE READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-16

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose. ¹⁴Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.' Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SING PSALMS 9(a):7-11 (CM)

The LORD for ever reigns on high;
his throne for judgment stands.
He'll judge the world in righteousness,
with justice rule the lands.

The LORD will be a hiding place
for those who are oppressed,
And he will be a strong defence
for those who are distressed.

All those who know your name, O LORD,
in you their trust will place,
For you do not abandon those
who seek your gracious face.

Sing praises to the LORD who sits
in Zion on his throne;
Among the nations of the world
proclaim what he has done.

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SERMON ON PHILIPPIANS 2:9 – GOD EXALTED JESUS

PRAYER

HYMN: LOOK, YOU SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS (878787)

Look, you saints, the sight is glorious!
See the Man of sorrows now
from the fight returned victorious;
every knee to him shall bow:
crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
crowns adorn the Victor's brow.

Crown the Saviour, angels, crown him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
in the seat of power enthrone him
while the vault of heaven rings:
crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
crown the Saviour King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned him,
mocking thus the Saviour's claim;
saints and angels crowd around him,
sing his triumph, praise his name:
crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
spread abroad the Victor's fame.

Hear the shout as he is greeted,
hear those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus Christ in glory seated,
O what joy the sight affords!
crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
King of kings and Lord of lords!

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855). Jubilate version.

BENEDICTION

SUNDAY AT SIX – live in-person and on our YOUTUBE CHANNEL at 6 PM tonight.

Preacher: Mr Donnie MacLeod

Praise: Sing Psalms 45a:1-5

Bible Reading: Joshua 7:1-26

Praise: Speak, O Lord

Sermon: A Door of Hope

(1) The Cause of Defeat.

(2) The Consequences of Disobedience.

(3) The Certainty of Victory.

Praise: Fight The Good Fight.

DIARY, NEWS & PRAYER

Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both our Sunday services. On Sunday mornings there is a **creche** and **Sunday School** in the hall. Tonight, our **Youth Fellowship** will join the Welcome Team. Over the winter we will not reopen the main doors onto Bank Street after services to minimise heat loss. Please use the exits on either side of the pulpit, which lead to the church hall (for refreshments) and to the Church Lane exit.

We are delivering **Life Magazine** around our parish. Speak to Sandy Finlay or Derek Morrison to get involved.

Pop-Up Christmas Bookstall and Advent Devotionals: Visit the Resource Table for copies of ***A Better Than Anything Christmas*** to help families with devotions in the run up to Christmas (£4). We also have ***The Dawn of Redeeming Grace***, a beautiful new Advent Devotional for adults by Sinclair Ferguson (£6). We have some copies of ***Truth for Life***, a new daily devotional by Alistair Begg (half-price at £7.50). In the Church Hall you will find also a good selection of **Christmas cards** and a more extensive **Christmas bookstall**. Please browse to find books and resources for your own use or as Christmas presents.

Bookstall and Café: A drop in Café and bookstall will be available in the Church Hall this Friday and Saturday, 3rd & 4th December, and the following Friday, 10th December, from 1 to 3 pm. Contact Angus MacRae or Carrie Marlow to offer help with these events.

Wednesday: Join us in-person at the church and online on YouTube for **Church Night** at 7.30 pm. Folk can also join a time of intercession on **Zoom** immediately after the live YouTube stream stops.

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 Zoom from 9 am, using the usual log on.

This Friday & Saturday - Christmas Bookstall and Café: In the Church hall, 1-3 pm, 3rd & 4th December.

Saturday Fellowship Walk - December 4th at 9 am. The 1¾ mile walk will take place at **Littlemill near Daviot** circling the lochan. At the start of the route there is a short steep incline but the rest of the walk is moderate. Directions at <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/littlemill>. You can avoid the A9 and get to Littlemill via the B861 turning left at Inverarnie Stores. (Derek Morrison at 07469 975656 or derekmarty@icloud.com).

The final **Guys Group** for the year is at 7 pm on Monday 6th December at Stewart Vant's home, 5 Porterfield Bank. Please read pages 107-119 of Kent Hughes' *Disciplines of a Godly Man on Discipline of Devotion*.

The final **Ladies' Bible Studies** for the year are at 10.30 am and 7.45 pm on Tuesday 7th December, on Revelation 3:14-22. Details from carrie.marlow@freenorthchurch.org or 07583 498782.

A Fun Night with party games, food and fellowship for all ages. **5.30 to 7.30 pm on Saturday 11th December.** Some food will be provided but feel free to bring your own picnic. Due to Covid we will encourage groups to join a table while eating and not to mix with other tables. Hand gel will be available before party games, etc.

The final **Monthly Home Group Bible Study** for this year is planned for Wednesday 15th December.

Zoom: To request log-on codes see the weekly email update or email Martin at office@freenorthchurch.org.

Visit **WfM Stalls** at North Kessock Outdoor Market – Old Ferry Car Park, Sat. 11th Dec., 1 to 5 pm.

Supporting our work: 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).