



# SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

**SERVICES ARE AT 11 AM & 6 PM** (online & in-person).

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## WELCOME TO THE FREE NORTH CHURCH, BANK STREET, INVERNESS

Welcome, especially if you are with us for the first time or are taking time to explore the Christian faith. We offer courses, small groups and resources to help people find their way as followers of Jesus. In our services we usually stand for our praise songs and sit for other items of worship. Tea and Coffee is served in the church hall after both services. Please use a face covering indoors, unless exempt or seated at a table for refreshments and avoid crowding or blocking exits. After 21<sup>st</sup> March the use of face coverings will no longer be a legal requirement. While this will be welcomed by many there will be others in the church family who feel it best to continue using a mask. We must respect and encourage one another as we work out what is best. Social distancing is still encouraged in the seats to the left and right at the back of the church. Please do not attend church if you have any symptoms of coronavirus. Visit our YouTube channel for live online worship and to listen again at home: [www.youtube.com/c/FreeNorthChurchInverness](http://www.youtube.com/c/FreeNorthChurchInverness).

### MORNING SERVICE - CONDUCTED BY MR DONNIE MACLEOD

#### WELCOME & UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 117)

**Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.**

**For great is his love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.**

#### PRAISE: PSALM 122:1-9 (Scottish Psalter Version)

I joyed when to the house of God,  
Go up, they said to me.  
Jerusalem, within thy gates  
our feet shall standing be.  
  
Jerus'lem, as a city, is  
compactly built together:  
Unto that place the tribes go up,  
the tribes of God go thither:  
  
To Isr'el's testimony, there  
to God's name thanks to pay.  
For thrones of judgment, ev'n the thrones  
of David's house, there stay.

Pray that Jerusalem may have  
peace and felicity:  
Let them that love thee and thy peace  
have still prosperity.  
  
Therefore I wish that peace may still  
within thy walls remain,  
And ever may thy palaces  
prosperity retain.  
  
Now, for my friends' and brethren's sakes,  
Peace be in thee, I'll say.  
And for the house of God our Lord,  
I'll seek thy good away.

### PRAYER, TALK TO CHILDREN & LORD'S PRAYER

#### PRAISE: HERE IS LOVE

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

**On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.**

*Traditional Welsh Hymn by William Rees and William Edwards. Tune: Dim Ond Iesu.*

**Let me all Your love accepting,  
Love You, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Your kingdom only  
And my life be to Your praise;  
You alone shall be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see.  
You have cleansed and sanctified me,  
God Himself has set me free.**

### **BIBLE READING: ACTS 4:1-22**

<sup>1</sup>The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup>They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup>But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup>They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>Jesus is: "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."  
<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is

no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

<sup>13</sup>When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup>But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. <sup>15</sup>So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. <sup>16</sup>'What are we going to do with these men?' they asked. 'Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup>But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.'

<sup>18</sup>Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup>But Peter and John replied, 'Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup>As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.' <sup>21</sup>After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup>For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

### **PRAYER & PRAISE: SING PSALMS 118:21-29**

**You answered me, I will give thanks;  
Salvation comes from you alone.  
The stone the builders had refused  
Has now become the cornerstone.**

**The LORD himself has done all this;  
It is a marvel in our sight.  
This is the day the LORD has made;**

**In it let us take great delight!**

**Save us, O LORD, we humbly pray;  
O LORD, we pray, grant us success.  
He's blessed who comes in God's great  
name;  
You from the LORD's house we will bless.**

The LORD is God, and he has made  
His glorious light upon us fall.  
Let us approach the altar's horns,  
And celebrate the festival.

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You are my God, I'll give you thanks;  
You are my God, I'll give you praise.  
O thank the LORD, for he is good;  
His steadfast love endures always.

## SERMON – ACTS 4:11-12

- 1). THE CORNERSTONE. 2). THE BUILDER'S SIN.
- 3). THE SAVIOUR'S GLORY.

### PRAYER & PRAISE: MY HOPE IS BUILT (CORNERSTONE)

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
No merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly trust in Jesus name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds and will not fail.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made  
strong in the Saviour's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the rising flood:  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found.  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

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## BENEDICTION

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SUNDAY AT SIX PM – LIVE IN-PERSON & ON YOUTUBE AT 6 PM.  
CONDUCTED BY MR SANDY FINLAY

**SERMON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:25 –  
POWER THROUGH WEAKNESS, WISDOM THROUGH FOLLY**  
The Means God Uses; The Message of the Cross; The Membership of the  
Church; The Messengers God sends.

Evening Praise: *Psalm 103:1-5; When I Survey; There is a Redeemer.*

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## DIARY, NEWS & PRAYER

Join us after both services for teas and coffees and a chance to chat with others in the church hall. Our Home Groups, Road to Recovery, Bible Studies / Book Groups for Women and for Men have returned to meeting in-person. Several people in the congregation have recently tested positive for Covid and are required to isolate. This includes Angus our minister and two of our Youth Fellowship leaders. There will be no YF tonight and we thank Donnie MacLeod and Sandy Finlay for stepping in at very short notice to lead our services today.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Meal Train:** Danny and Dorothy Mackenzie and their girls are looking forward to the arrival of a new baby this week. Please pray for them as they welcome the newest member of their family. We're setting up a **Meal Train** to help them practically by providing meals. If you would like to get involved please contact **Anna MacRitchie (07724 761629)** or sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/nq81ed>.

**Monday:** Presbytery meets (online on Zoom) at 7 pm.

**Tuesday: Coffee@Dobbies** from 10.30am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Come along, buy your coffee and head to the quieter area to the left of the till to enjoy a time of chat. If you need a lift call Jane MacLeod (237310). Jane has Seville and Three Fruit varieties of marmalade available for sale @ £1.75 per 1lb jar. Last year £600 was raised for the Haven Appeal. This year she is supporting a Building Extension Appeal for Hope Church (the growing Free Church congregation in Coatbridge). Jane made marmalade 25 years ago to help fund their existing church building project.

**Wednesday:** We meet at 7.30 pm for prayer, praise and to be encouraged in our outreach.

**Thursday:** The **Christians In Sport Quiz** at **Fairviews Golf Course**, from 7.30 pm. Email: [kirsten@christiansinsport.org.uk](mailto:kirsten@christiansinsport.org.uk) to book a team. There will be a short talk about the Christian faith.

**Thursday: Road to Recovery** meets at 7.30 pm offering support to those recovering from addiction.

**Friday:** Dr Peter Williams will speak at Inshes Church at 7.30 pm on “*Is the Bible Reliable?*”

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

A funeral for **Ishbel Graham** will be held at the Free North on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 12.15 pm.

The **Guys Group** meets from 7 pm on Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. We will chat about the book *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. It will help to have read chapter 9 (p. 137-151).

The **Women’s Bible Study** this term is on **Genesis 1-11**. On Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.30 am and 7.45 pm. Get in touch with Carrie for more information.

Pray for our elders, deacons and associate deacons, as they meet for training and to develop our vision for mission with Rev David Meredith, the Free Church Mission Director, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our monthly **Home Groups** will meet at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

There is a Joint Youth Fellowship hosted by the Free North on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Our next **Free North Week of Prayer** starts on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, with daily prayer in the church hall at 8 am, and some evening events. The week of prayer will end with a prayer breakfast on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Communion on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

#### PRAYER

Pray for Dorothy & Danny MacKenzie, as they look forward to the arrival of a new child. Pray for God’s protection and peace over Ukraine, and for the gospel of peace to flourish despite violence and war. For prayer ideas, a video and ways to give visit: <https://www.uk.om.org/Appeal/ukraine-in-crisis>. Pray for *Passion for Life* outreach around the UK. We plan some small-scale events and Guest Services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April).

#### SUPPORT

**Staying in touch:** Contact Angus, Carrie or any of the elders for pastoral support. Email [office@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:office@freenorthchurch.org) to request a weekly email update and to request Zoom log-on codes.

**Giving:** You can donate at our website (PayPal logo), in the offering plate, or directly to our “Free North Church” account (82-65-18, a/c 40246657). Enquiries to [treasurer@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@freenorthchurch.org).