



SUNDAY 6th MARCH 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. We usually stand for praise songs and sit for other items of worship. Tea and Coffee is served in the hall after both services. After 21st 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.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (BRIAN CAMERON - ISAIAH 26:3-4)

**You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. Amen.**

PRAISE: SING PSALMS 27:1-5 (CM)

**The LORD's my saviour and my light—
who will make me dismayed?
The LORD's the stronghold of my life—
why should I be afraid?**

**When evildoers threaten me
to take my life away,
My adversaries and my foes
will stumble in that day.**

**Although an army hems me in,
my heart will feel no dread;
Though war against me should arise,
I will lift up my head.**

**One thing I'll plead before the LORD,
and this I'll seek always:
That I may come within God's house
and dwell there all my days—**

**That on the beauty of the LORD
I constantly may gaze,
And in his house may seek to know
direction in his ways.**

**For in his dwelling he will keep
me safe in troubled days;
Within his tent he'll shelter me,
and on a rock me raise.**

PRAYER, TALK TO CHILDREN & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE: JESUS STRONG AND KIND

**Jesus said that if I thirst,
I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy,
I should come to Him.
Jesus said if I am weak,
I should come to Him.**

**No one else can be my strength,
I should come to Him.
For the Lord is good and faithful.
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus.
Jesus, strong and kind.**

**Jesus said that if I fear,
I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield.
I should come to him. *For the Lord ...***

**Jesus said if I am lost,
He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross.
He will come to me. *For the Lord...***

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BIBLE READING (EFFIE FINLAY): PSALM 27 (NIV)

Of David.

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation –
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life –
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred
tent
and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;

at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of
joy;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Saviour.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not hand me over to the desire of my
foes,

for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore:
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!***

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains
He took his seat above:**

**His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules both earth and heaven.
The keys of death and hell**

are to our Jesus given:

**He sits at God's right hand,
till all His foes submit
and bow to His command
and fall beneath His feet:**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come
and take His servants up
to their eternal home:**

***We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!***

- SERMON – PSALM 27 – UNFEARFUL IN WARTIME
- 1). WHERE CAN WE TURN FROM PAIN AND DANGER?
 - 2). WE WAIT FACE TO FACE WITH THE PERSONAL GOD.
 - 3). WE WAIT FACING REALITY, NOT RUNNING AWAY.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

‘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!*

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

*Words Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960).
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BENEDICTION

SUNDAY AT SIX PM – LIVE IN-PERSON & ON YOUTUBE AT 6 PM.

The Gospel for Inverness: **SERMON: HEBREWS 13:17-19**

1). HEALTHY GOSPEL OBEDIENCE. 2). HEALTHY GOSPEL PRAYER.

Evening Praise: *Psalm 68:17-20; Speak, O Lord; Sing Psalms 124:1-8.*

DIARY, NEWS & PRAYER

Join us after both services for tea and coffee and a chance to chat with others in the church hall.

Congratulations to Danny and Dorothy Mackenzie who welcomed **Samuel Danny** into their family last Tuesday, a beautiful little brother for Grace and Charlotte. Thanks to all who have signed up to provide practical help with **Meal Train**. There is one slot left if you would like to prepare a meal for the MacKenzies. See <https://mealtrain.com/nq81ed> or contact Anna MacRitchie (07724 761629).

The **Record** magazine for March is available for subscribers.

Accommodation: An Australian couple, Matthias and Kailee Schat, will be coming to Inverness for a 1-month placement at Merkinch FC from 6th May and require a place to stay. Contact Angus if you are able to help (angusmacrae1967@gmail.com). Matthias is a ministry student in Canada.

Marmalade for Hope: Jane MacLeod has made Seville and Three Fruit varieties of marmalade now available for sale @ £1.75 per 1lb jar. Last year £600 was raised for the Haven Appeal. This year she is raising support the **Hope Church (Coatbridge)** Building Extension Appeal.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday: The **Guys Group** meets from 7 pm at Rob MacIver's home, Taingeil, Achvaneran, Farr. We will chat about the book *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. It will help to have read chapter 9 (p. 137-151). The next session is on Monday 21st March.

Tuesday: A funeral for the late **Ishbel Graham** will be held at the Free North at 12.15 pm.

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study at 10.30 am and 7.45 pm, both studies will be at Carrie's (6 Iona Road). We'll be continuing our series in Genesis 1-11, looking at Genesis 1:1-2:3. A **Study Guide** for the series is available at the front of church, or get in touch with Carrie for a copy. All welcome to join, speak to Carrie for more information. Further dates this term: 22nd March.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 15th March.

The **Deacons' Court** will meet on Tuesday 22nd at 7.30 pm.

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

There is a **Joint Youth Fellowship** event hosted by the Free North on Saturday 26th March.

We will have a collection for **Tear Fund** and a **Fellowship Lunch** in the hall on Sunday 27th March.

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

The **Free North AGM** will be on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

PRAYER

As we pray for God's protection, peace and justice in Ukraine, the Free Church encourages gifts to be directed to Blythwood Care (<https://blythwood.org/donate-to-ukraine-appeal/>). Pray for all of those in positions of authority that can influence this war in any way and for the victims of war as they try to find refuge. Pray for Christians inside and around Ukraine as they minister the gospel.

Pray for those who are sorrowing, including the Graham family, and our elder John MacLeod in the sad loss of his sister Mairi.

Cathel and Sheena's daughter Fiona recently had surgery in Ayr hospital.

Pray for *Passion for Life* outreach around the UK. We plan some small-scale events and Guest Services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (10th and 17th April).

SUPPORT

Staying in touch: Contact Angus, Carrie or any of the elders for pastoral support. Email 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.