



SUNDAY 15th MAY 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! We are glad you are with us at the Free North. As we come together to worship God, we hope you will be encouraged to know and follow Jesus. If you are new at church or wish to find out more about the faith, please fill in a CONTACT CARD. You can use this to request a weekly email update, information on specific groups and courses, request a phone call or a visit, or find out about how you can serve God and use your gifts and talents in the life of the church. Speak to one of the service leaders, a member of the welcome team or send us an email or text if that is easier for you. We usually stand for praise songs and sit for other items of worship. **Refreshments** are served in the church hall after our services. The use of a face mask at church services is no longer a legal requirement. Please give space and consideration to each other including those who feel more comfortable using a face mask. Social distancing is encouraged in the seats to the left and right at the back of the church. Please do not attend church if you are experiencing the 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

'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.
But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith
and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love
as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.
(Zechariah 4:6; Jude 20-21).

PRAISE: SING PSALMS 24:1-8 (CM)

The world and all in it are God's,
all peoples of the earth,
For it was founded by the LORD
upon the seas beneath.

Who may ascend the hill of God,
or in his temple stand?
The one who shuns false gods and lies,
who's pure in heart and hand.

He will find favour from the LORD,
and from his Saviour grace.

Thus are they blessed, O Jacob's God,
who truly seek your face.

You ancient gates, lift up your heads;
you doors, be opened wide—
So may the King of glory come
for ever to abide.

But who is this exalted King?
What glorious King is he?
It is the LORD of strength and might,
the LORD of victory.

PRAYER, TALK TO CHILDREN & LORD'S PRAYER

New City Catechism 7: What does the law of God require?

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; **that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbour as ourselves**. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

PRAISE: MY SOUL WILL WAIT

When the enemy surrounds,
And my heart grows faint within.
When the darkness overwhelms,
And my fears are pressing in.
I will trust in You, O Lord,
In the silence I will wait,
I will stand upon Your Word.

*You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for
You.*

You're my stronghold and my shield,
In the midst of every threat.
Though the wicked never yield
They will vanish like a breath.
Yes, I know the outcome's sure,
Satan's evil plans will fail,
In Your power I'm secure.

You're my solid rock...

*You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge and my sure foundation.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for
You.*

This is love I can't explain,
This is mercy unreserved.
Through Your sacrifice so great
I have peace that's undeserved.
For the battle has been won
And I fear no shame or loss
Now the sting of death is gone.

You're my solid rock...

You're my comfort when I feel forsaken...

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BIBLE READING: ACTS 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious
day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

PRAISE: PSALM 145(2):17-21 (LM)

The LORD is just in his ways all,
And holy in his works each one.
He's near to all that on him call,
Who call in truth on him alone.

God will the just desire fulfil
Of such as do him fear and dread:
Their cry regard, and hear he will,
And save them in the time of need.

The LORD preserves all, more and less,
That bear to him a loving heart:
But workers all of wickedness
Destroy will he, and clean subvert.

Therefore my mouth and lips I'll frame
To speak the praises of the LORD:
To magnify his holy name
For ever let all flesh accord.

SERMON: ACTS 2:1-21 – WHY PENTECOST IS NOT THE BIRTHDAY OF THE HEALTHY GOSPEL CHURCH.

- 1). PENTECOST IS NOT THE BIRTHDAY OF A HEALTHY GOSPEL CHURCH.
- 2). PENTECOST IS JESUS KEEPING HIS PROMISE TO BUILD HIS CHURCH.
- 3). PENTECOST IS JESUS UNITING HIS CHURCH & WORLD BY HIS SPIRIT.

PRAISE: HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,

Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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BENEDICTION

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

The Apostles' Creed – What the Healthy Gospel Church Believes.

I Believe in Jesus Christ God's Only Son.

Praise: Psalm 84:1-2,8-12; By Faith; From the Depths of Shame and Sorrow.

DIARY, NEWS & PRAYER

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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday: The **Guys Group** meets at 7 for 7.30 pm at Brian Cameron's home, 12 Culduthel Mains Crescent. We will be discussing *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, chapter 12 on "WORK".

Tuesday: The **Women's Bible Study** meets at 10.30am (at Carrie's, 6 Iona Road) and at the earlier time of 7.30pm (at Mairi Macaulay's, 31 Harris Road). We're continuing our series in Genesis, looking at 4:17-6:8. All welcome to join us, get in touch with Carrie for more information or a copy of the study guide. Future dates: 31st May, 14th & 28th June.

Wednesday: Join an in-person or online monthly Home Group at 7.30 pm for friendship and to study the Bible together. Pick up a Study Guide with details of venues and discussion questions.

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

Friday: Online prayer on Zoom at 9 am.

Saturday: The popular **Inverness Classic Vehicle Show** returns to the City from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday. City streets will be lined with classic vehicles from all eras, including a vehicle parked at the Free North. The Finale Parade runs through the High Street from 3 pm. We plan to run a **cafe** in the church hall from 11 am to 1 pm. Can you help with baking, serving and meeting and greeting the public? Sign-up sheets are available or speak to Effie or Sandy Finlay.

Saturday: The **WfM Annual Meeting** will be held in Knox Free Church, Perth, on Saturday at 2 pm. The livestream link is: [womenformission.org/annual-meeting](https://www.womenformission.org/annual-meeting).

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Events Survey: We would love to have your ideas and input into future events for women in the Free North. Complete a short survey to help get an idea of the types of events, and the times of events, that would interest folks. It should only take a couple of minutes to fill in and you can access it here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B8KDGMP>. For more information contact Carrie.

Coffee@Dobbies from 10.30 am on Tuesday 17th May. Come along, buy your coffee and head to the quieter area to the left of the till to enjoy a time of chat and encouragement. We will then meet on 7 and 21 June. If you need a lift please phone Jane Macleod (237310).

David Meredith will meet our leadership team on Tuesday 7th June, as we develop our ministry plan.

OMF have a half-day conference, **BE EXALTED AMONG THE NATIONS**, in the Barn Church, Culloden, on Saturday 11th June (10.30 am - 2 pm). The day is free, **but please book** at <https://mailchi.mp/ed772baf928d/be-exalted-inverness>. Learn how cross-cultural workers are helping people meet Jesus in East Asia. Be inspired to play your part in reaching the world so that our Lord will "be exalted... above the heavens, and... over all the earth". (Ps 108:5). Speakers include Angus MacRae (Bible teaching), Sarah Melbourne (Taiwan), Darren and Rhona (East Asia). Doors open at 10 am, tea & coffee provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.

PRAYER

Sign up at www.freechurch.org/prayer to receive a weekly **Praying for One Another** bulletin. The **General Assembly** meets in Edinburgh from 23-26 May. Praying around the church, we ask God's blessing on **Christ Church Glasgow** (a new plant in the West End pastored by Jonathan de Groot); **East Kilbride** (vacant); **Kilmallie** in Lochaber, pastored by Euan Dodds); and **Galashiels** plant being launched this summer, led by Craig Anderson. Two of our elders Sandy Finlay and Donnie MacLeod are out preaching today. Pray for our mission partner **Patrick Jok**, in Juba, South Sudan.