



Stevenston Livingstone
Church of Scotland



Church Notices

Welcome to any visitors Please sit in any seat and we hope you will feel at home and at peace as you share worship with us.	Combined Carol Service This will take place in Ardeer Church on Christmas Eve at 7pm.	Christmas Day Service The Joint Christmas Day service will take place in Livingstone Church at 11am.
The Guild Our speaker on Tuesday 13 th December will be George Irvine whose subject will be 'Plants for Christmas'.	Prayer Leaflet & Prayer Tree A prayer leaflet has been placed in the pews, please feel free to take and use it. Additional copies will be available in the vestibule. The prayer tree is also in the vestibule. Please take a Christmas star and add your prayer to the tree.	
Intimations I would ask that all intimations are received by the Wednesday before you would like them in print. E-mail: intimations@livingstonechurch.org.uk . Thank you.		
Free Will Offering Envelopes Would elders please deliver FWO envelopes in their districts. They are in the vestibule.	Sunday Smiles What athlete is warmest in winter? A long jumper!	
Hymn Sheets If you don't need this Order of Service leaflet after the service this morning, will you please leave it on the table in the vestibule for use at the care home services during the week.	Fire Alarm If you hear the fire alarm siren in the Sanctuary – except if instructed otherwise – you should proceed to the front doors of the church. If you are in the halls or kitchen you should exit by the side doors.	Communications If you wish a visit from the minister or your elder, or if you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please leave a note on the memo sheets on the table in the vestibule.
Church Website The address is: livingstonechurch.org.uk where you can listen to the service again and find out more about the wider life of the Church.		

Today - Sunday 11 th December		Next Week - Sunday 18 th December
Mary Munn	Organist	Mary Munn
John Beck (Bible), Bobby Bendelow, Robbie Burns	Office Bearers	Catherine Burns, Charlie Campbell, Alan Cochrane (Bible), Anne Cochrane
Dorothy Taylor & Maureen Gear	Tea/Coffee	Jean Paterson
Helen White	JAM Club	Catherine Burns

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Welcome to
Livingstone Parish Church
Sunday 11th December 2016 at 10.00am
Preacher: Rev David Hebenton BD MA



Meet with God in silence as the Bible is borne into the church

Hymn 1 CH4 53

O greatly blest the people are

Prayer

Hymn 2 CH4 110

Glory be to God the Father

Reading

Romans 8: 22-27

Reading

John 15: 18-27

Hymn 3 CH4 290

The race that long in darkness pined

Sermon

From the beginning

Offering

Hymn 4 CH4 473

Thy kingdom come

Prayer

Hymn 5 CH4 478

Behold the amazing gift of love

Benediction

As we approached God in silence, let us give thanks to him in silence as
The Bible is taken from the Sanctuary.

Hymn 1 - CH4 53

Psalm 89, verses 15, 16, 18
The Scottish Psalter, 1929

①
Oh, greatly blest the people are
the joyful sound that know;
in brightness of thy face, O Lord,
they ever on shall go.

Hymn 2 - CH4 110

①
Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit, -
great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
while eternal ages run!

②
Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain!
Glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
to the Lamb that once was slain!

Hymn 3 - CH3 290

①
The race that long in darkness pined
has seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

②
To us a Child of hope is born;
to us a Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.

②
They in thy name shall all the day
rejoice exceedingly;
and in thy righteousness shall they
exalted be on high.

③
For God is our defence; and he
to us doth safety bring:
the Holy One of Israel
is our Almighty King.

Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

③
Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the Church's King,
glory to the King of nations!
Heaven and earth, your praises bring;
glory, glory, glory, glory
to the King of Glory bring!

④
'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
Thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
Thus its praise creation brings;
glory, glory, glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings!

Scottish Paraphrases, 1781
Isaiah 9: 2-7

③
His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored;
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

④
His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know:
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

Hymn 4 - CH4 473

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

①
**'Thy Kingdom come!' – on bended
knee**
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

②
But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

Hymn 5 - CH4 478

**Scottish Paraphrases*, 1781
1 John 3: 1-3

①
Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father hath bestowed
on us, in calling us his own,
the children of our God!

②
Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not when he came,
even God's eternal Son.

③
And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls
proclaim the day is near:

④
The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned with might,
and every hurt be healed:

⑤
When knowledge, hand in hand with
peace,
shall walk the earth abroad,
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

③
High is the rank we now possess;
but higher we shall rise,
though what we shall hereafter be
is hid from mortal eyes.

④
Our souls, we know, when he appears,
shall bear his image bright;
for all his glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.

⑤
A hope so great and so divine
may trials well endure;
and purge the soul from sense and sin,
as Christ Himself is pure.

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