

New Laigh Kirk

A caring welcoming church at the heart of
Kilmarnock reaching out to you
with the gospel of Jesus Christ

Third Sunday of Lent Welcome to Worship

12th March 2023



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Welcome

A very warm welcome to worship this morning from all at New Laigh Kirk. We are delighted you are here today and hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

We are delighted to welcome Rev Alastair Symington who leads our worship today. Please make yourself known to those sitting beside you. We invite you to find your welcome place among us, a place to belong, to join in regular worship, to join in the life of our Kirk in whatever capacity and in your own appropriate way.

Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service. Please join us for a time of friendship and conversation.

PLEASE SWITCH YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO SILENT

May God richly bless you in your worship today.

Order of Service

Welcome

Call to worship

Hymn 82

Pray that Jerusalem may have
peace and felicity:
let them that love you and your peace
still have prosperity.

Therefore I wish that peace may still
within your walls remain,
and ever may your palaces
prosperity retain.

Now, for my friends' and family's sakes,
peace be in you, I'll say.
and for the house of God our Lord,
I'll seek your good alway.

Prayer

All age address

Hymn 185

Come, children, join and sing
alleluia! amen!

loud praise to Christ our King;
alleluia! amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
alleluia! amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high;
alleluia! amen!

let praises fill the sky;
alleluia! amen!

He is our guide and friend,
on him we can depend;
his love shall never end:
alleluia! amen!

Sing praises loud and long;
alleluia! amen!

life shall not end the song;
alleluia! amen!

on heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore,
alleluia! amen!

Old Testament: Jeremiah 8:18-22 page 767

Video Anthem

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
was blind, but now I see.

New Testament Epistle: Romans 8:31-39 page 1135
New Testament Gospel: St Mark 2:1-12 page 1003

Hymn 603

For your gift of God the Spirit,
with us, in us, always true,
pledge of life and hope of glory,
Saviour, we would worship you.

He who in creation's dawning
brooded o'er the pathless deep,
still across our nature's darkness
moves to wake our souls from sleep.

He it is, the living author,
wakes to life the sacred word,
reads with us the Bible story
and reveals our risen Lord.

He it is who works within us,
teaching rebel hearts to pray;
he whose fervent intercessions
rise for us both night and day.

Fill us with your grace and goodness,
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
in us, through us, now and always,
may your perfect will be done.

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 559

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
once for sinners slain:

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
in that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 153

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 seed-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

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

Benediction

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Church News and Activities

Lent Bible Study based around the familiar hymn 'There is a green hill far away' will meet on Wednesdays at 7.00pm.

A singing group will gather on Sunday mornings at 10.15am in the sanctuary. Calling all singers to join us for 20 minutes to familiarise with the selected worship hymns.

The Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches' next shared worship will be at New Laigh Kirk THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.00pm. The theme will be Christian Love in Action. With so much need in the world, at home and abroad, how are Christians responding and what can we do as individuals to "do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God"?

Sunday, 19th March will be our **Cradle Roll Service** where we invite all our families of children baptised in the last three years to join us for a special service and introduce them to our children's activities and Ignite.

Music and Movement will meet on **Tuesday, 14th March** at **2.00pm** in lower hall.

The **Pastoral Care Group** will hold a **Daffodil Tea** on **Friday, 24th March** from **2.00pm till 4.00pm** in lower hall. To book a place, contact Sheena Macpherson, Tel: 01563 524660 or Barbara Graham, Tel: 01563 522108. Please indicate if you require transport. Please contact Barbara Graham if you are able to assist with driving.

New Laigh Kirk are inviting all Ignite children and Trekkers youth (ages Primary 1- S6) to come along to **Heads of Ayr Farm Park** for an **Easter Fun Day** out! Our Easter trip will be on **Wednesday, 5th April** from **9.00am** and we encourage all children and Ignite leaders to come along and join in the fun. If you would like to register your child(ren) for our Easter trip, please contact Amy Tanner (amy_bh@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible.

Our next **Lighthouse** will be held on **Saturday, 15th April** from **4.00pm to 6.00pm** in our church halls, and we welcome every family, young and young at heart to come along and join in some Easter fun! At Lighthouse we will have food, music, games, crafts, prayer, worship and so much more. If you and the family would like to come along to Lighthouse, please register with Amy Tanner (amy_bh@hotmail.co.uk). We're also looking for some helping hands for Lighthouse and we encourage anyone who would like to contribute their time or talents to helping out at our Lighthouse to contact Amy for more information.

A few copies of the **Order of Service in large print** are available. Please speak to a member of the duty team if you require one.

There is an **induction loop system** for the hard of hearing.

New Laigh Kirk is open to visitors on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 12noon to 2.00pm. Volunteers are needed to help keep the church open throughout the year. If you can spare a couple of hours to maintain the rota, your contribution to this valuable ministry of our church will be much appreciated. Please give your name to Helen Colman.



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