

# **Welcome to Worship**

## **New Laigh Kirk**

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

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**First Sunday  
of Advent**



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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. 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.

May God richly bless you in your worship today.

Call to worship

Hymn 475

Christ is coming! Let creation  
from her groans and travail cease;  
let the glorious proclamation  
hope restore and faith increase:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come now, blessèd Prince of Peace.

Earth can now but tell the story  
of your bitter cross and pain;  
she shall yet behold your glory,  
Lord, when you return to reign:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
'Come, Lord Jesus, come again!'

Long your exiles have been pining,  
far from you, and rest, and home:  
but, in heavenly glory shining,  
soon their loving Lord shall come:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Haste the joyous jubilee.

With that blessèd hope before us,  
harps be played and songs be sung;  
let the mighty advent chorus  
onward roll from tongue to tongue:  
'Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!'

Prayer

## Light the first Advent candle

We lift the light of hope, O God,  
Your presence burning bright.  
In praise we sing the gift You bring:  
Our hope complete in Christ.  
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All Age address

I wanna do right, wanna do what's right  
I'm gonna give You all of my life  
I put my trust in You, Jesus  
And You'll show me, show me how to do right  
Hey, hey, every word I say  
Ooh, ooh, I wanna be like You  
Oh, my, my, every day goes by  
I wanna be more like You  
I wanna be more like You

I wanna do right, wanna do what's right  
I'm gonna give You all of my life  
I put my trust in You, Jesus  
And You'll show me, show me how to do right  
Hey, hey, every word I say  
Ooh, ooh, I wanna be like You  
Oh, my, my, every day goes by  
I wanna be more like You  
I wanna be more like You

I was made to give You praise  
Make me more like You  
I was made to give You praise  
Make me more like You  
In all I do  
Hey, hey, every word I say  
Ooh, ooh, I wanna be like You  
Oh, my, my, every day goes by  
I wanna be more like You  
I wanna be more like You

Hey, hey, every word I say  
Ooh, ooh, I wanna be like You  
Oh, my, my, every day goes by

I wanna be more like You  
I wanna be more like You

Ignite for children will be held in the halls

Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Video Anthem:

People, look East.  
The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East, and sing today.  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
On the way.

Furrows, be glad,  
Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
On the way.

Stars, keep the watch.  
When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way  
On the way.  
On the way.

Angels announce on this great feast  
Him, who cometh from the east  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word the Lord is coming  
People, look East, and sing today  
Love, the Lord, is on the way  
On the way  
Love's on the way!

Reading: St Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn 273

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 456

Christ is the world's true light,  
its captain of salvation,  
the daystar clear and bright  
of every race and nation;

new life, new hope awakes,  
where people own his sway:  
from bondage freedom breaks,  
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,  
their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete,  
from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as Lord,  
we shall forsake our fear,  
to ploughshare beat the sword,  
to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name  
unite us all who own you;  
cast out our pride and shame  
that hinder to enthrone you;  
the world has waited long,  
has travelled long in pain:  
come, heal its ancient wrong,  
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 283

The voice of God goes out to all the world;  
his glory speaks across the universe.  
The great King's herald cries from star to star:  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The Lord has said: 'Receive my messenger,  
my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,  
a lamp to every nation, light from light':  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The broken reed he will not trample down,  
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.  
He binds the wounds, and heals with his strong hand:  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,  
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,  
to show the face of justice to the poor:  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

His touch will open eyes that darkness held;  
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,  
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

### Benediction

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### Church News and activities

Our **Advent and Christmas leaflet ‘The Weary World Rejoices’** is included with our order of service today. Please pass this on to friends or family as an invitation to join us for our forthcoming Advent and Christmas events and worship.

### Advent and Christmas Services

**11 Dec** 11.00am Christmas Gift Service

Gifts for children from infant to 16 years of age should be wrapped and marked Boy or Girl and age.

**11 Dec** 7.00pm Christmas Memorial Service

Our Christmas Memorial Service is a reflective service for those who walk into Advent feeling the loneliness rather than the joy of the Christmas season. Come and know that you do not journey through Christmas on your own.

**17 Dec** 11.00am Carols at the Cross King Street with the Fellowship of Kilmarnock Churches.

**18 Dec** 11.00am Christmas Nativity Service.

**18 Dec** 7.00pm Christingle Service. Come for 6.30pm to make your Christingle Candle for the service beginning at 7.00pm. The service concludes with singing carols of your choice sitting around the Christmas tree.

**22 Dec** 7.00pm Carols and Readings Service with Newmilns and Galston Brass Band.

**Christmas Eve** 11.00pm Carol Singing

11.30pm Watchnight Service

**Christmas Day** 11.00am Family Service

New Laigh Kirk will be hosting a **"Christmas Escape Room"** event in the church as part of the Christmas Lights switch on festivities in Kilmarnock town centre **today**, from **1.00pm to 4.00pm**. The event invites all families to come in and "unlock the secrets of Christmas" as you wander through a variety of interactive stations that allow you to unlock one piece of the puzzle at a time, which will finish with a final message of the Christmas story that you can take out into the world as you leave.

New Laigh Kirk is open to visitors on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 12noon to 2.00pm. Volunteers are needed to help keep the church open throughout the Advent season and in the New Year. If you can spare an hour to maintain the rota, your contribution to this valuable ministry of our church will be much appreciated. Please give your name to Helen Colman.

People attending the **Matinee performance of Snow White at the Palace Theatre on Saturday, 3rd December** should meet outside the main entrance to the Theatre between **1.30pm and 1.45pm**, when tickets will be distributed. A few tickets are still available, priced £15 each. Members may bring a friend. Anyone still wishing a ticket should contact Ellen Stewart. Payment may be made on the day.

The **Pastoral Care Group** invites older members of the congregation to join us at the church halls on **Thursday, 8th December, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm** for our **Christmas Afternoon Tea**. Enjoy meeting friends whom you have not seen for a while, listen to the Salvation Army Songsters and join in carol singing. Transport can be provided on request.

To book a place, please phone Sheena Macpherson, T: 01563 524660 or Barbara Graham, T: 01563 522108.

If you would like to be included in the rota for **Bible Reading** at Sunday worship for 2023, please give your name to Helen Colman. Both new and existing readers should add their names to the list.

**Music and Movement** will meet on **Tuesday, 29th November at 2.00pm** in lower hall.

The **Highlights and Guild** will hold a joint **Christmas Fayre on Monday, 5th December at 8.00pm** in lower hall.