

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

Christmas Nativity Service

18th December 2022

**Welcome to...
The Bethlehem Express**



Welcome

A very warm welcome to our Christmas Nativity Service this morning from all at New Laigh Kirk. We are delighted you are able to join us today and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please make yourself known to those sitting beside you. **Tea and coffee will be served in the church immediately after the service, please join us for company and a catch up.**

May God richly bless you sharing with us during this Advent Season.

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Hymn 301

Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the Incarnate Deity,
pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King.'*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,

born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth:
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'*

Prayer

Light the Fourth 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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Our hope complete in Christ.

We lift the light of peace, O God,
The Lord of truth and right.
In Your domain let justice reign
And bring us peace in Christ.
In Your domain let justice reign
And bring us peace in Christ.

We lift the light of joy, O God,
Your praise is our delight!
Your blessings flow that all may know
Unbounded joy in Christ.
Your blessings flow that all may know
Unbounded joy in Christ.

We lift the light of love, O God,
Your candle in our night.
You come to give and help us live
The mighty love of Christ.
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The mighty love of Christ.

Reading St Luke 1:26-38 page 1025

How Great the Father's Love (performed by the youth band).

The Bethlehem Express Ignite Christmas Nativity

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore –
the Prince of glory is his name.
Oh, now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of glory when he came.

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world!
Oh, now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of glory when he came.

Still the night, holy the night!
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watch o'er the Child beloved and fair,
sleeping in heavenly rest,
sleeping in heavenly rest.

Still the night, holy the night!
Shepherds first saw the light,
heard resounding clear and long,
far and near, the angel-song,
'Christ the Redeemer is here!'
'Christ the Redeemer is here!'

10000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Performed by the youth band and sung by everyone

Bless the Lord, oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I worship your holy name

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I worship your holy name

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger

Your name is great and your heart is kind

For all your goodness I will keep on singing

10,000 reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I worship your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Soon my soul will sing your praise unending

10,000 years and then forever more

Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship your holy name

Prayer Of Intercession

Hymn 321

*Come and join the celebration,
it's a very special day;
come and share our jubilation,
there's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds
hurry down to Bethlehem;
gaze in wonder
at the Son of God who lay before them.

*Come and join the celebration,
it's a very special day;
come and share our jubilation,
there's a new King born today!*

'God is with us',
round the world the message sing;
he is with us
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are pealing.

*Come and join the celebration,
it's a very special day;
come and share our jubilation,
there's a new King born today!*

Benediction

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
At the Christmas party hop
Mistletoe hung where you can see
Every couple tries to stop

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Let the Christmas spirit ring

Later we'll have some pumpkin pie
And we'll do some caroling
You will get a sentimental feeling
When you hear
Voices singing let's be jolly
Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Have a happy holiday
Everyone dancing merrily
In the new old fashioned way
Instrumental
You will get a sentimental feeling
When you hear
Voices singing let's be jolly
Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Have a happy holiday
Everyone dancing merrily
In the new old fashioned way

Advent and Christmas Services

A special family service for all - our Christingle Service is this evening Sunday, 18th December, 6.30pm for 7.00pm to make your Christingle Candle for the service which concludes with singing carols of your choice sitting around the Christmas tree. 12 days of Christmas is a favourite.

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

Christmas Eve Christmas Carol Singing begins at **11.00pm** leading into our **Watchnight Service** beginning at **11.30pm**. Enjoy tea or coffee or mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cake served immediately after the service as you wish family and friends of New Laigh Kirk 'Merry Christmas'.

Worship on **Christmas Day** will begin at **11.00am**. Children, please bring your toys to show us. Come and begin your Christmas Day celebration with worship.

New Laigh Kirk is open to visitors **THIS WEEK** on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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.

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.