

Welcome to Worship

In Person and Online at

New Laigh Kirk

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

Sunday 15th May 2022



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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 especially welcome family and friends of Charlotte Pickard who brings Winifred for Baptism this morning.

Whether you are a guest or regular attender 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.

This order of service is posted to help you with the live stream.

Please ensure you log on through the New Laigh Kirk Website <http://www.nlk.church/> and click the button watch live Sunday 11.00am.

May God richly bless you in your worship today.

Order of Service

Hymn 457

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his alter call;
praise him whose path of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe,
responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall;
join in the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism Winifred Helen Mary Pickard

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Hymn 796

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Hymn 632

Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,
we now devote to you;
let them your covenant mercies share,
and your salvation true.

Such children you did once embrace,
while dwelling here below;
to us and ours, O God of grace,
the same compassion show.

Dear Lord, your infant feet were found
within your Father's shrine;
your years, with changeless virtue crowned,
were all alike divine.

Dependent on your bounteous breath,
we seek your grace alone,
in every stage of life and death,
to keep us still your own.

Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Anthem

A new commandment
I give unto you,
That you love one another
as I have loved you,
That you love one another
as I have loved you.

By this shall all know
that you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another.
By this shall all know
That you are My disciples,
if you have love one for another.

A new commandment
I give unto you,
That you love one another
as I have loved you,
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as I have loved you.

Reading: St John 13:31-35

Hymn 184

Sing to the Lord a joyful song,
lift up your hearts, your voices raise;
to us his gracious gifts belong,
to him our songs of love and praise.

For life and love, for rest and food,
for daily help and nightly care,
sing to the Lord, for he is good,
and praise his name, for it is fair.

For strength to those who on him wait
his truth to prove, his will to do,
sing to our God, for he is great,
trust in his name, for it is true.

For joys untold, that from above
cheer those who love his sweet employ,
sing to our God, for he is love;
exalt his name, for it is joy.

Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,
whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 710

'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love
in freedom and in love'.

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content;
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds
faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace
uniting us in peace.

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 198

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Benediction

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Following the service, tea and coffee will be provided, please remain a while and enjoy a chat and friendship.

Christian Aid Week Activities

Sunday 15 - Saturday 21 May. Christian Aid Week Volunteers are needed for house to house collections and delivering envelopes which can be returned to Doors Open sessions. Please contact Helen Colman or Graeme Johnstone.

This Christian Aid Week, will you stand with women like Jessica and Janet?

Please donate this Christian Aid Week (15-21 May). Your donations will help families facing poverty and injustice around the world.

- £5 could buy water taps for a community garden
- £15 could buy drought-resistant seeds like sorghum or millet to help 10 farmers like Jessica to grow food
- £60 could train 50 women farmers to adapt and grow food in the changing climate
- £250 could help a family build a storeroom, and provide seeds and fertilisers

Your Christian Aid Week gifts could help women just like Jessica, who are still struggling, to grow drought-tolerant crops that survive in the harsh climate and help her set up a water tap on her farm. They'll turn their dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

Every pound raised, every prayer said and every action taken, are expressions of our Christian love and compassion.

Take action and call on justice to be restored

East Ayrshire will welcome Ukrainian families. Some will be housed in their own accommodation. EACHa has been asked to help provide them with essential items: toiletries, particularly children's toiletries; cleaning materials; bath towels; duvets and duvet covers (not sheets); pots and pans; non-perishable food. Any donations can be brought to church on Sundays, or to the church hall on Mondays and Wednesdays, between 9.00am and 3.00pm.