

# 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

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

## Celebration of Holy Communion

*Do this in remembrance of me*



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Worship Leader Training: Janice Grant

## 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.

Tea and coffee will be served immediately after this 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.

***The Table of our Lord is open to any Baptised person who loves the Lord and responds in Faith to the invitation "Take, eat".***

Order of Service

Call to worship

Hymn 442

Blessing and honour, glory and power  
be unto the Ancient of Days;  
from every nation, all of creation  
bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory,  
every knee shall bow at your throne in worship;  
you will be exalted, O God,  
and your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.*

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*Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory,  
every knee shall bow at your throne in worship;  
you will be exalted, O God,  
and your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:  
sing unto the Ancient of Days.

For none shall compare to your matchless worth:  
sing unto the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare your glory,  
every knee shall bow at your throne in worship;  
you will be exalted, O God,  
and your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.*

Prayer

All Age Address

Hymn 204

*I am the Church! You are the Church!  
We are the Church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
Yes, we're the Church together.*

The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple.  
The Church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people!  
*I am the Church! You are the Church!  
We are the Church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
Yes, we're the Church together.*

We're many kinds of people with many kinds of faces:  
All colours and all ages, too, from times and places.  
*I am the church! You are the Church!  
We are the Church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
Yes, we're the Church together.*

And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:  
*I am the Church! You are the Church!  
We are the Church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
Yes, we're the Church together.*

I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;  
there's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe:

*I am the Church! You are the Church!*

*We are the Church together!*

*All who follow Jesus, all around the world,*

*Yes we're the Church together.*

### **Ignite for children will be held in the halls**

Reading: St Matthew 5:13-20 page 969

Hymn 52

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,

O Lord of hosts, to me!

The tabernacles of thy grace,

how pleasant, Lord, they be!

My thirsty soul longs vehemently,

yea fain, thy courts to see:

my very heart and flesh cry out,

O living God, for thee.

Behold, the sparrow findeth out

an house wherein to rest;

the swallow also for herself

hath found her place to nest;

Even thine own altars, where she saith

her young ones forth may bring,

O thou almighty Lord of hosts,

who art my God and King.

Blest are they in thy house who dwell,

they ever give thee praise.

And blest are they whose strength thou art,

in whose heart are thy ways.

Sermon

## Hymn 622

We sing a love that sets all people free,  
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,  
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:  
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that seeks another's good,  
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,  
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:  
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid  
to be itself, despite another's wrath,  
a love that stands alone and undismayed:  
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, that, wandering, will not rest  
until it finds its way, its home, its source,  
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:  
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,  
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,  
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:  
come radiant love, live in our hearts today.

## **Statement of Faith**

I believe in the suffering God, the wounded Friend,  
who is the source and sustenance of all things,  
who refuses to be put off by human stupidity and sin,  
and will never surrender us to the corruption of evil.

I believe in Christ Jesus, Child of Mary, Child of God,  
who came among us with grace, mercy and peace,  
who for the glory of God and the healing of humanity  
went to the Cross like a lamb to the slaughter,  
bearing our griefs and carrying our sorrows,  
and became the ever living source of salvation.

I believe in the Holy Spirit of God, the companion of  
Christ's light and love,  
who creates the church in the name of Jesus  
and sustains it against all odds,  
who counsels us, teaches us,  
inspires and inflames us with love.

I believe in the one universal church,  
into which we are baptised by water and the Spirit,  
the friends of Christ linking life and beyond-life  
in one unbroken fellowship of love, service and praise.  
Amen!

During the Thanksgiving prayer remain seated and sing when the  
Minister invites you to do so

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he O blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest**

*The Gaelic Blessing*

Deep peace  
of the running wave to you  
Deep peace  
of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace  
of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace  
of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace  
of the gentle night to you  
Moon and stars  
pour their healing light on you  
Deep peace to you

## **The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all**

### Hymn 522

The Church is wherever God's people are praising,  
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.  
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.

The Church is wherever God's people are loving,  
where all are forgiven and start once again,  
where all are accepted, whatever their background,  
whatever their past and whatever their pain.

The Church is wherever God's people are seeking  
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are –  
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,  
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

The Church is wherever God's people are praising,  
knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.  
The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.

### Benediction

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## Church News and Activities

**Guild** will meet on **Monday, 6th February** at **7.15pm** in the lower hall. The speaker will be Mrs Barbara Urquhart.

**Music and Movement** will meet on **Tuesday, 7th February** at **2.00pm** in lower hall.

**Inspire!** will meet at **11.00am** in the **Session Room** on **Wednesday, 8th February** for a time of prayer and reflection.

**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 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.



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