

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

The Epiphany of the Lord
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Happy New Year from all at New Laigh Kirk

and a warm welcome to worship this morning. We are delighted you are able to join us in person and online today and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. 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.

Please note, as per our monthly practice, I will offer a short celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper immediately after the main service. If you wish to join me in the sanctuary please bring your own small piece of bread, and wine or juice in a suitable sealed cup. If participating at home, please provide for yourself these elements that you may take during this service. The spirit unites us all as we share this Holy meal communally and safely in person and online.

May God richly bless you sharing with us today.

Order of Service

Call to worship

Hymn 326

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onwards, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
Thee, who heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At thy homely cradle bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright,
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

Prayer

Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:10-15

Anthem: Christ child lying in a manger

Reading: St Matthew 2:1-12

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star
*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright*

*Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to rein

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Pray'r and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies

Prayer of Intercession

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces
in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not man nor thee.

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 159

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,