

Sunday 7th September, 2025
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Dedication of the Praise Team

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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Welcome & Intimations

- **The Sunday School** will meet in **Room 2** today.
- Please ensure all **mobile phones**  are **switched off or in silent mode** during the Service.
- **Please place your offering in the Offering Plates** as these are uplifted during the Service.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church **today in the Cameron Hall**.
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** at 10am on **Wednesday 10th September, 2025**, followed by our **midweek Service** at 11.10am.
- **The Guild Dedication & our Harvest Service will be on 21/9/25.**
Our harvest gifts and cash donations will be split between the Lodging House Mission and the local Foodbank at Bishopbriggs Free Church.
Donations can be dropped on Saturday 20th September, 2025 between 10.30am -12 noon or brought to Church on Harvest Sunday.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 96(Psalm 139) You are before me, God, you are behind,

You are before me, God, you are behind,
and over me you have spread out your hand;
such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then from your Spirit where, God, shall I go,
and from your presence where, God, shall I fly?

If I ascend to heaven you are there,
and still are with me, if in hell I lie.

If I should take my flight into the dawn,
if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
and your right hand will guard me evermore.

If I should say, 'Let the darkness cover me,
and I shall hide within the veil of night',
surely the darkness is not dark to you,
the night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God search me and know my heart,
try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
keep me from any path that gives you pain,
and lead me in the everlasting way.

From Psalm 139 Ian Robertson Pitt-Watson(1923-1995)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Dedication of Praise Team



Statement

The gift of God's free grace puts a new song in our mouths.
We praise God that through music we can express something
of the glory we have seen,
the victory we share,
and the joy we know.

Minister to Praise Team: Do you promise, as musicians that with the help of God you will by prayer and example lead the people in your midst to worship God, with the love that Christ has shown you?

Praise Team: *With the help of God, we will.*

Minister to Congregation: As Christ's people in this place, will you continue to support the Praise Team offering encouragement and praise, fellowship and friendship?

Congregation: *With the help of God, we will.*

Children's Address

Hymn 771 If you believe and I believe

If you believe and I believe
and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free.

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Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's

hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1:1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, ^[b] to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you ^[c] in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we ^[d] may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ^[e] ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful ^[f] both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in

Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Anthem

St. Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Hymn 678 Here is the place, now is the time:

- 1 Here is the place, now is the time :
 an inner voice has bid me come —
 here in the company where Christ is known
 he claims my life, he speaks my name.
- 2 Here I declare a seed of faith,
 a will to learn, a gleam of truth,
 and ask for singleness of heart to speak
 what God has put into my mouth.
- 3 I seek the real and face the cost,
 I give away my lack of trust,
 in joyful hope I take the Spirit’s lead —
 I go with all who follow Christ.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn 533 Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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Benediction

Choral Amen