

Sunday 30th November, 2025 The First Sunday in Advent
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Guest Organist: Sheena Crichton

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.**
- The **Ticket Office** for the **Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus Christmas Concert** is open at **Cadder South Hall** on **Wednesdays and Fridays** between **10.00 am and 12 noon.**
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 3rd December, 2025 at 10am** followed by our **midweek Service** at 11.10am.
- The **City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra** will hold their **Annual Christmas Concert in the Church on Friday 5th December, 2025 at 7.30pm.** Tickets **£10/£8** available at the door (**Primary School children aged 12 and under free.**) Refreshments at the interval will be served in the Cameron Hall, and this will not be a late finishing night (approx 9.30pm).
- **On Sunday 7th December, 2025** we will be pleased to receive any **Jars of Grace (or donations)** the congregation has been collecting for our **Annual Appeal for UNICEF** as you arrive at Church. This will also be our **Annual GIFT SUNDAY.** The congregation can donate **Tesco Gift Cards (£5 or £10)** or cash donations, which will allow us to pass these to the local **Foodbank at Bishopbriggs Free Church and to St. Rollox Church** for their work with asylum seekers.
- On the evening of **Sunday 7th December, 2025** **East Dunbartonshire Schools String Orchestra & Chorus** will return to the Church for their annual Christmas concert at **6pm.** This will last an hour and the congregation is encouraged to come and support this fun event. Entry is a

bargain at only £2. Light festive refreshments will be served afterwards in the Cameron Hall.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 472 Come thou long expected Jesus

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address
The Advent Wreath

Hymn – Advent Candle (Tune: Joy to the World)

Chorus

*Come, light the candles, one by one,
The Advent call we hear.
With hope and peace and joy and love,
His light will fill the world, His light will fill the world,
His light will come and shine through all the earth.*

Verse 1 Hope

Light now the candle, hope's bright flame,
It shines through darkest night.
Let every heart prepare a place,
For Christ the saviour comes, for Christ the saviour comes,
For Christ will come and fill the world with light.

Chorus

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Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
³ Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hymn 61 Oh, sing a new song to the Lord, (Psalm 98)

1 Oh, sing a new song to the Lord,
for wonders he has done;
his right hand and his holy arm
the victory he has won.

2 The Lord has made this triumph known,
displayed his saving might;
he has revealed his righteousness
in every nation's sight.

3 He mindful of his grace and truth
to Israel's house has been;
the saving power of God our Lord
earth's farthest ends have seen.

4 Earth, shout aloud to God the Lord
and make a joyful noise;

break into song and celebrate,
sing praises and rejoice.

5 Sing to the Lord with sound of harp,
let harp and voices ring;
with blare of trumpets, blast of horn,
acclaim the Lord, the King.

6 Let seas, and all within them, roar,
the world, and dwellers there;
let streams clap hands, and mountains sing-
as one their joy declare.

7 Let these all sing before the Lord
who comes earth's judge to be;
he'll judge the world with righteousness,
its folk with equity.

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St. Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,^[a] but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day^[b] your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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 716 Come and find the quiet centre

1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
the room for hope to enter,
the space where we are freed :
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace ;
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
scope for faith begun.

3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain :
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for hearts to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare !

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Benediction & Choral Amen