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Morning Order of Service – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2006 @ 11am

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**Opening Praise** – (led by the Praise Band)

MP 835 'Great is the darkness'

MP 1003 'My Jesus, My saviour'

MP 54 'Bind us together'

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Preparation for the Word**

**Call to Worship**

**PRAISE** "Tell out my Soul"

(Hymn 164)

**Prayer**

**Proclamation of the Word**

*"... He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Luke 4v18-19)*

**Reading** 2 Samuel 7:12-17 (Page 324)

**Children's Talk**

**PRAISE** "Jesus love is very wonderful" (sheet)

**Reading** Luke 4v16-21 (Page 65)

**Sermon** "The greatest promise"

**Response to the Word**

**PRAISE** "Hark the glad sound" (Hymn 160)

**Prayer** (Intercession)

**Offering and Dedication**

**PRAISE** "Like a river glorious" (MP 421)

**Benediction.**

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**Today@first**

**UNITED  
APPEAL**

10am **Sunday School and Bible Class** (Church halls)

10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.

11am **Morning Worship** – Rev Curry, Speaker  
Crèche - pre school (Minor Hall), Junior Church (Minor Hall)

2.30pm **Choir Practices** preparation for the Carol Service, in Minor Hall.

5:30pm **Christianity Explored Leaders** meet in Minor Hall

6pm **Christianity Explored Course** All Welcome (Main Hall). Cup of tea 5:45

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

7-8pm **5 a side football** at Meadowbank for 16 yr + (cost£2.50) all welcome! Further details - Philip Gorman (79300176)

7.45pm**Bowls** in the Main Hall. New members made very welcome.

8pm **The Presbytery PWA Rally** in 1<sup>st</sup> Cookstown. Malawi team & Dr. M Stevenson taking part. Anyone wishing to go contact Lorna or Maisie to make travel arrangements.

8:30pm**Soul Mates** (A Ladies walking group). Leaving from the church car park.

### [Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>](#)

9-9.30am **School Assembly** (MPS) if you would like to help contact Rev. Curry.

7.30pm**Congregational committee** (*Graham Room*)

7-9pm **English language classes** for migrant workers (*Main Hall / Graham Room*).

### [Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>](#)

10.30-12.30pm **Parent and Toddlers** will meet in Magherafelt Leisure Centre for Facts & Fun morning. All parents and carers very welcome.

6-7.15pm **Girls Brigade - Explorers** Age 3-7

7-8.45pm **Girls Brigade - Juniors** Age 8-10

7.45-9.30pm **Girls Brigade - Seniors/Brigaders** Age 11+ years

### [Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>](#)

7.45pm**Bowls** in the Main Hall. New members made very welcome.

8pm **MIDWEEK** Monthly Prayer Meeting.

### [Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December](#)

7.30-8.15pm **Instrument Practice** each Friday in preparation for Carol Service (*Graham Room*) everyone welcome.

7pm **PWA Christmas Dinner** in the Otter Lodge. Cars leaving car park at 7 pm, anyone requiring a lift please let Maisie know. All Ladies welcome.

### [Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>](#)

**YOUTH@First.** (Weekend for young people first form and over,  
further details from Judith Evans or Heather Palmer)

### [Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006](#)

10am **Sunday School and Bible Class** (*Church halls*)

10:30 **Prayer Time** (*Minister's room*). Everyone Welcome.

11am **Morning Worship** - Rev Curry.

Crèche - pre school (*Minor Hall*), Junior Church (*Minor Hall*)

everyone is invited to stay for a cup of tea in the main hall after the service.

2.30pm **Choir Practices** preparation for the Carol Service.

5:30pm **Christianity Explored Leaders** meet in Minor Hall

6pm **Christianity Explored Course** All Welcome (*Main Hall*). Cup of tea 5:45

### Church Notices

1. Anyone who would like to be a **Prayer Partner** with one of the Sunday school children please put your names on the sheets available on the tables.
2. The **new Rota** for 2007 for **flowers and delivery** is in the vestibule, if you would like to help please put your name against the appropriate date.
3. **Christianity Explored** continues. Feel free to join with us any evening you can. We have helpers who take care of pre-school & primary school children, and a discussion group for young people. **Further details** from Rev Curry.
4. Anyone wishing to order a **Reachout Desk / Wall calendar** please put their name on the sheets provided in the vestibule and at the Link door, or contact Pamela Evans 02879 469 322. Price £2.30 each.
5. Some extra copies of the Book – **Presbyterians in Ireland** “An illustrated history” are available at a cost of £25. A copy is available on the vestibule table to view. If interested please order through Jr Todd (79631484).
6. In connection with **after funeral teas** the committee are keen to continue to provide the Church Hall so that those attending the funeral can speak to the family in a warm and comfortable setting. We would also like to offer a cup of tea and biscuits to those using the hall in this way (*There would be no charge for this, any donations going to church funds*). Anyone willing to help with making and serving tea please contact Secretary of Committee. Also if you would be willing to be one of 2-3 people who would organise the volunteer helpers each time please indicate this too. (*The facility for Sandwiches, tray bakes, etc. is still available from an approved outside caterer should families request this. Details from Secretary of Committee*)
7. There will be a **Congregational Dinner** on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 7:30pm in the Church hall. Further details Jackie / Wallace Smyth.

### Other Notices

1. **Magherafelt Boys Brigade** (*Union Rd, Halls*) Anchor Boys (p1-p4) Wed 6-7, juniors (P5-P7) Fri 6:30-8, Company (1<sup>st</sup> year up) Wed 7:30-9:30.
2. **Three spires Beaver Colony** is hosting the district Carol service in First Magherafelt at 3:30 on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Everyone Welcome, tea after service.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Moneymore Presbyterian church, The Sperrin Choir present ‘**The Promise**’ concert to be held in The Church Hall, Circular Road, Moneymore on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 8pm. Special guests – Tamalaghtmore Silver Band & their conductor Gail Haslett. Retiring offering in aid of Tanzania 2007 project.
4. ‘**A Christmas Celebration by Candlelight**’ in Strand Church, Belfast on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec @7.30pm. No tickets required.

[Suggestions for Prayer](http://www.care.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?id=28040) (<http://www.care.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?id=28040>)

Prisons’ Week: To pray for and raise awareness of the needs of prisoners and their Families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all who care. [www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org)

*O God, please reach out to men, women and young people in prison and grant them the spiritual and physical strength; especially those who feel frightened, isolated and depressed. Lead them to someone who will befriend and help them. For Jesus’ sake, Amen.*

Pray for Kainos Community, Daylight Prison Trust, Prison Fellowship and other Christian organisations which are helping men and women in prison. Also remember prison chaplains, volunteers, visitors, Christian prison officers and others working in education, health care and other areas of HM Prison Service.

*Dear Lord, we pray especially for prison governors and prison officers working in challenging and difficult environments. Grant them Your grace to be men and women of integrity, able to exert righteous authority to prevent wrongdoing. Amen.*

Pray for people who have been affected by another's criminal behaviour; that their cases may be justly dealt with and, wherever possible, they will receive due recompense. Pray that even in the midst of great pain they will be able to forgive and receive God's healing and hope.

Family Prayer: O Lord please be with the families whose parents or other relations are in prison and have to travel a long way to visit them. Help them to keep loving one another, even when it's really tough for everyone. Amen.

## Our Congregation

We pray for the **young people** who are going away this coming **weekend**. Be with David McCullagh as he speaks to them and all the leaders as they get to know the young people better.

**United Appeal** – Today as we give to the work of our Church and Mission Projects we continue to pray for the work of Mission in places like Livingstonia, Malawi and closer to Home through the board of mission in Ireland. Practical help given through the Board of Social witness and training of students through the Board of Studies.

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**Rotas** (Please speak to those who arrange rotas if there are any changes).

### **Welcoming Committee** (*Rota - Jr. Todd*).

November – R McKeown, T Johnston, H McKay, T Gregg, A Hogg, JF Hogg & W McGinnis.

December – Dr Watson, J Smyth, H Todd, D Steele, H Stewart, J McRobert & H Palmer.

### **Crèche** for Pre School children. (*Rota - Janet Gregg*).

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Caroline Smyth, Caroline Hogg & Emma Currie.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lorna Curry, Cheryl Hughes & Lauren Finlay.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Esther Brown, Audrey Steele & Victoria Steele.

### **Junior Church** for Primary School Children. (*Rota - Anne Crossett*).

November – Rosemary Finlay, Jacqueline Currie & Helen Currie.

December – Helen Badger, Doreen Brown & Lorna Curry.

### **Flowers Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** – S Johnston      Delivery – Maisie Smyth

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lorna Moore      10<sup>th</sup> – William Smyth      Delivery – Iris Brown

### **Projection** (*Rota - Wesley Currie*).      Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Wesley & David Currie

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jacqueline Currie      Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Wesley & David Currie.

### **Parent & Toddlers** (*Rota - Maisie Smyth*).

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Pamela Evans, Anne Watson, Elaine Freestone & Vivienne Weir.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Hogg May Hogg, Rosemary Kerr & Irene Duncan.

### **Youth@First** (*Rota-H Palmer*). Nov 25<sup>th</sup> J Evans (Epilogue), R Evans, T Diamond & A Evans.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – J Evan, R Evans, H Palmer & R Palmer.

### **Opening Praise** (*Rota-M Boyce*). Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Praise Band, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – H Todd Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – W Currie.

**Sound Desk** (*Rota-J Smyth*). Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – W Smyth, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – G Duncan Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – B Smyth.

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Announcements to be with Rev Curry or Church Office by 12noon on Thursday each week.

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1. **Jesus love is very wonderful** (x3)

Because he died for me.

*So high you can't get over it.  
So low you can't get under it.  
So wide you can't get round it.  
Because he died for me*

2. I will follow serve and love Him (x3)

Because he died for me.

3. Then one day I'll go to heaven (x3)

Because he died for me.

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**My Jesus, my Saviour,**

Lord, there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,

Tower of refuge and strength,

Let every breath, all that I am,

Never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down

And the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.

Forever Ill love You, forever Ill stand.

Nothing compares to the

Promise I have in You.

Darlene Zschech.

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1. **Great is the darkness that covers the earth,**

Oppression, injustice and pain.

Nations are slipping in hopeless despair,

Though many have come in Your name.

Watching while sanity dies,

Touched by the madness and lies.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,*

*Pour out Your Spirit we pray.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,*

*Pour out Your Spirit on us today.*

2. May now Your church rise with power and love,

This glorious gospel proclaim.

In every nation salvation will come

To those who believe in Your name.

Help us bring light to this world

That we might speed Your return.

3. Great celebrations on that final day  
When out of the heavens You come.  
Darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end,  
And rulers will bow at Your throne.  
Our great commission complete,  
Then face to face we shall meet.