



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 30th August 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on Psalm 96.

Psalm 96

1-2 O sing a new song to the LORD,
sing praises to his name;
And his salvation day by day
let all the earth proclaim.

5 For other gods are wood and stone;
the LORD made heaven's height.

6 All power and majesty are his;
he dwells in glorious light.

3-4 His glory and his mighty deeds
to every land declare:
How great and awesome is the LORD!
With him no gods compare.

7-8 All nations, to the LORD ascribe
the glory that is due;
Glory and strength ascribe to God,
and praise his name anew.

**Most merciful Father,
our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you
with all our heart,
and we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.**

**We earnestly repent
and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us and strengthen us
to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Awake, awake, O Zion,
and clothe yourself with strength,
shake off your dust
and fix your eyes on him.
For you have been redeemed by
the precious blood of Jesus,
and now you sit enthroned with him.

*Our God reigns,
he is King of all the earth.
Our God reigns
and He's seated on the throne.
Lift your voice,
and sing a song of praise.
Our God reigns,
the awesome Lord most high.*

How beautiful the feet are
of those who bring good news,
For they proclaim
the peace that comes from God.
Rise up, you holy nation,
proclaim the great salvation,
and say to Zion 'Your God reigns.'
Our God reigns...

The watchmen lift their voices,
and raise a shout of joy,
for he will come again.
Then all eyes will see
the salvation of our God,
for he has redeemed Jerusalem.
Our God reigns...

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
our God is with us now.

Nathan Fellingham
©1999 Thankyou Music
(Admin. by Integrity Music Ltd)

Induction of Chris McLean as an Elder

Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School

Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

1 **By faith we see the hand of God**
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those
who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

2 By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the power of his
promise in their hearts;
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on him
our soul's reward.
'Til the race is finished
and the work is done:
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

"By Faith" Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

3 By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
with the power to break
the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.

4 By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives
and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth.

We will stand as children of the promise...

5 By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name.

We will stand as children of the promise...

©2008 Thankyou Music, Getty Music Publishing

Reading and Sermon: Psalm 96 (page 499)

Psalm 96

Intro: Enthusiasm?

1) Behold the greatness and glory of the LORD

i) Majestic Creator (verses 4–6)

ii) Sovereign King (verse 10)

iii) Righteous Judge (verse 13)

2) Worship the LORD and declare his glory

i) Worship him exuberantly

ii) Declare his glory universally

Conclusion: For great is the LORD...

Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice,
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on his throne;
come, let us adore him.
Behold our King – nothing can compare;
come, let us adore him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?
Behold our God...

Who has felt the nails upon his hands
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.
Behold our God...

"Behold Our God" Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge
© 2011 Sovereign Grace Praise, Sovereign Grace Worship

This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 22:23-33.

Next week's services:

10:30am: 1 Peter 1:1-2

6pm: Matthew 22:34-46

Website: www.standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Senior Minister: Rev. Paul Clarke paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! If you are new and would like to find out more about us, click [here](#) to fill in our welcome form and visit our website. You'll be given the option to meet with a member of the church team for a coffee. You can also find digital copies of the service sheets and the option to give online.

If you have any questions or would like to join us for any of the events below, you can chat to the service leader or send us an email at church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Mon 31st August | 7:30pm | Parents Together Evening

Get in touch with Hamish at h.j.sneddon@gmail.com for the venue.

Wed 2nd September | 6pm | Church Family BBQ

Come to 1 Dempster Terrace and sign up through the QR code above to bring food.

Sun 6th September | Freshers Lunch

For new students, immediately following the 9:30 & 11:30am services on 6th & 13th September. Listen out during either of the morning services for more details.

Sun 6th September | 3:30–5:30pm | Youth Group

Meeting for a social on Friday 4th September and the first regular study on Sunday afternoon. Contact hilaryous95@gmail.com for more details.

Two Morning Services – Please note that we will return to our term-time pattern of two morning services (9:30 & 11:30am) next Sunday (6th September).

Prayer Meeting – Join us to pray as a church family at 7:30pm on Wednesday 9th September at Cosmos Community Centre. All are welcome!

Student Bonfire – 10th September, 7:30pm, East Sands by the Coastguard Station.

Friday Fellowship – Resuming on 11th September.

Newcomers Lunches – If you're new to our church but not a Fresher, join us after the 11:30 service on 13th and 20th September.

Evergreens – Next meets at 2pm on Tuesday 15th September at 10 Doocot Road.

You can support the work of the church financially by electronic bank transfer, by contactless payment after the service or by clicking [here](#). Our bank details are – A/c name: St Andrews Free COS; S/c: 80-09-55; A/c no: 00295283. If you would wish to make a contribution towards the Assistant Minister fund, you are making a sizeable donation or you are eligible for Gift Aid, please email treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk