



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 20th September 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening John MacPherson will speak on 1 Samuel 3:1–4:1a.

Come praise and glorify our God,
the Father of our Lord.
In Christ he has in heav'nly realms
his blessings on us poured.
For pure and blameless in his sight
he destined us to be,
and now we've been adopted through
his Son eternally.

*To the praise of your glory,
to the praise of your mercy and grace.
To the praise of your glory –
you are the God who saves!*

Come praise and glorify our God
who gives his grace in Christ.
In him our sins are washed away,
redeemed through sacrifice.
In him God has made known to us
the myst'ry of his will:
that Christ should be the head of all,
his purpose to fulfil.
To the praise of your glory...

Come praise and glorify our God
for we've believed the Word,
and through our faith we have a seal –
the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope
until redemption's done:
until we join in endless praise
to God, the Three in One.
To the praise of your glory...

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Reading: Hebrews 1:1–4 (page 1001)

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep for us to undo.
Please forgive us.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil:
Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
Death has failed to be found equal
To the life of Him Who saves.
In the valley of our darkness
Dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has repelled death's hellish night.

Here is love, vast as the heavens;
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed,
Precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever
on a love beyond our time;
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit
Now with man are intertwined.

Testimony

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.

Notices

Psalm 119

- 9 How can the young keep their life pure?
By doing what your word demands!
- 10 I seek you with my heart and soul;
Let me not stray from your commands.
- 11 Your word I've hidden in my heart
To keep me from offending you.
- 12 Praise be to you, O LORD my God;
Teach me your statutes firm and true.
- 13 Each law proceeding from your mouth
I gladly with my lips have told.
- 14 I love to follow your commands,
As others love to count their gold.
- 15 I meditate upon your ways
And on your precepts I reflect.
- 16 I take delight in your decrees;
Your word I never will neglect.

Reading and Sermon: 1 Samuel 3:1–4:1a (page 227)

1 Samuel 3:1–4:1a

1) The LORD graciously reveals his word (3:1–10)

2) The LORD's word confronts sin (3:11–18)

3) The LORD's unfailing word comes to all his people (3:19–4:1a)

From the breaking of the dawn

to the setting of the sun
I will stand on every promise of your Word.
Words of power strong to save
that will never pass away;
I will stand on every promise of your Word.
For your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure:
I can stand on every promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of your Word.
You are faithful to forgive
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on every promise of your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored;
you remember sins no more;
so I'll stand on every promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,
love that casts out every fear
as I stand on every promise of your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on every promise of your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of your Word.

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Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: 1 Peter 1:13–21
6pm: 1 Samuel 4:1–7:16

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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

LifeGroups | Wed 23rd September | 7:30pm

For year-round members of the church family, meeting in homes across St Andrews. Click [here](#) for the termcard.

Thursday LifeGroups | Thur 24th September | 7:30pm

Our student bible study, taking place in the Halls. You're welcome to join, even if you are still deciding whether to join our church.

Friday Fellowship | Fri 25th September | 10am

All women who are at home during the day are warmly invited to join us at 1 Dempster Terrace as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another.

Women's Brunch | Sat 26th September | 10am

Join us in Cosmos Community Centre as we consider 'Why Women's Ministry Matters: A biblical vision for word-filled women's ministry'. Sign up to bring food [here](#).

Church Calendar – You can subscribe to our church calendar through Elvanto, the platform we use for church organisation. This allows you to link it with your personal calendar on iCal, Google or Outlook, meaning that all the important church dates are easily accessible where you need them. Send us an email if you need help accessing your Elvanto account or you are new and have not been set up with one yet.

Lord's Supper – During the morning service next Sunday (27th September)

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