



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 1st November 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning John MacPherson will speak on 1 Peter 2:13–17.

Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us joyfully sing to the LORD;
To the Rock of salvation let us raise our voice.
- 2 Let us come before him expressing our thanks;
Let us with loud singing praise him and rejoice.
- 3 The LORD is the great God, King over all gods.
- 4 The earth's deepest places he holds in his hand;
The heights of the mountains belong to the LORD.
- 5 The oceans are his, and he formed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow humbly and worship the LORD;
Let us kneel before him, our Maker, in prayer.
- 7 For we are his people and he is our God;
He shepherds and feeds us in his loving care.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander, Percy Dearmer

**Our Father in heaven,
we confess that we have done many things we should have left undone,
and failed to do many things you have commanded.
Forgive our sins and have mercy on us, we pray.
And help us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.
In Jesus' name, 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.

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Reading: Titus 3:1–8 (page 998)

Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School (9:30 service)

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.

O great God of highest heaven

Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me;
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me!

'O Great God', Bob Kauflin
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Reading and Sermon: 1 Peter 2:13–17 (page 1015)

1 Peter 2:13–17

1) Submit to the authorities for the Lord's sake (verses 13–16)

- The command: submit to governing authorities
- The motivation: for the Lord's sake
and in accordance with God's will
- The identity: free people who are God's servants

2) Fear God and honour others (verse 17)

- Honour everyone
- Love the church family
- Fear God
- Honour the ruler

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer!

There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold,
my hope is only Jesus
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine!
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold,
my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold,
my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released;
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
for he has said that he will bring me home,
and day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold,
my hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
'Yet not I, but through Christ in me'.

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson
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This evening's sermon passage is 1 Samuel 17.

Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: 1 Peter 2:18–25

6pm: 1 Samuel 18

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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

David & Goliath: Holding Out for a Hero | Sun 1st November | 6pm

Invite others to our evening guest service. Click [here](#) for a flyer to share.

Hope Explored | Mon 2nd November | 7:30pm

A three-week introduction to the Christian faith, exploring the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life on 2nd, 9th & 16th Nov. [Click here](#) to express an interest.

Divinity Fellowship | Wed 4th November | 4pm

For all Divinity students, meeting at Flat 2, 135 South Street.

Wednesday LifeGroups | Wed 5th November | 7:30pm

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

Thursday LifeGroups | Thur 6th November | 7:30pm

Our weekly bible study for students, meeting in the Halls.

Friday Fellowship | Fri 7th November | 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.

Ordination of Simon Attwood – 2pm, November 14th at Bon Accord Free Church in Aberdeen. All welcome!

Student Lunch – Following the 11:30 service on 15th November in the Halls.

Christmas Carol Services – Sunday 6th December, 5 & 7:30pm. If you are a singer or musician and available for both services, let us know by today: church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal – Filled boxes must be returned by next Sunday (8th November). Please contact Jacqui Barr for more information (jacqui.barr@yahoo.com).

Christmas Wreath Making – 3:30pm and 7:30pm in the Halls on Saturday 28th November. These fun and festive events will feature a 12-minute talk on the hope of Christmas in a dark world. Sign up [here](#) by 21st November. Click [here](#) for a flyer to share with others and email Grace for more info: grace@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

MYC – Our student conference in January. Click [here](#) for more info and to sign up.

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