

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of Advent

Order of Service

7th of December 2025

10:30am

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Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined us at St. Ninian's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our worship of God together today. As a congregation our mission is to **'Worship God together, encourage personal faith and prayer, spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, and love and care for others in our community.'** If you are a visitor, there is a **visitors' book** at the front door, please sign it.

Today, we celebrate together the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. Everyone is welcome to join us to share the Lord's Supper.

Before the service there is weekly a **Prayer Group** that meets in Room 6 (the Alpha Room) from 10:00am – 10:15am. Everyone is welcome, please ask a steward for Room 6, the Alpha Room.

There is a **crèche** and both a primary and secondary **Sunday School** this morning. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The reader this morning is **Donna Short**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

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This Sunday we celebrate **The Second Sunday in Advent**.

The season of Advent is a season of waiting and hoping. It helps us to become aware of God's actions in the world in the past, present, and future. In the present, as we walk hopefully through this troubled world, we hear prophecies from the past about the Messiah's coming while we wait for Christ's second coming in the future when the whole world will be made whole; one day the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away.

Following worship there is **fellowship, friendship, and refreshments** in the Martin Shields' Hall. Please join us.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary which is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. In 2026 we are in Year A and the principal Gospel readings come from the **Gospel of Matthew**. The readings lead us from Advent through the Christian year, the Bible, and Jesus' life through birth, baptism, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension.

ENTRANCE

The service begins with a **sentence from the Bible** (Luke 21: 28), a **call to stand** (please do so if you are able to), an **introit** from the choir, and the **entrance of the Bible**. For the rest of the service the words in bold are read or sung by everyone. We sit to pray and stand to sing.

INTROIT

WELCOME, INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE

We welcome one another with Christ's words 'Peace be with you'.

APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 9:6)

Reader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called.

Congregation: Wonderful counsellor, mighty God.

We light the second Advent candle

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming Christ.

CAROL BOOK 13 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

We continue our worship celebrating what God has given us while apologizing for what we have done to harm God, his creation, and his people.

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on 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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

CAROL BOOK 16 'Christmas is coming!'
(chorus, & verses 1 & 2 only)

Children leave for Sunday School. Visiting children are welcome to join in.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3: 1 – 12

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SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the prayers this sung response from hymn 276 is used periodically:

**Wait for the Lord, his day is near,
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart,**

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Freely given, our offering supports the work of Christ's church and symbolises our spiritual dedication to the building-up of the Kingdom of God. We remain seated to sing our dedication (**CH4 292**) -*

**So Father, we would thank you
For all that you have done,
And for all that you have given us
Through the coming of your Son.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus took bread and wine. Giving thanks, he broke the bread, sharing it and the wine with his disciples. He asked them to continue this practice to remember him. We do so by taking bread and wine, announcing them as symbols of Jesus' body broken for us. All are welcome to share the gluten-free bread and the non-alcoholic wine.

CAROL BOOK 18

Come now, O Prince of peace

INVITATION AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

Jesus invites us to the table. We respond to that invitation by reading together a statement of what we believe, The Apostle's Creed, which connects us through three centuries to the worldwide Church.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26 Pg 950

We hear Paul tell the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and his instruction to them to repeat the meal in memory of him.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for God's creation, new life in Jesus Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us into communion with God and each other.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Generous God...

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Isaiah 6:3)

Minister Eternal God, ... **Amen.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

In preparation for sharing bread, we break it as a symbol of Christ's body broken for us in solidarity with all broken humanity.

COMMUNION

The elements of communion are in the pews. Please follow the instructions from the minister and serve yourself the bread followed by the wine. If you do not wish to take part pass the elements to your neighbour.

Minister: Jesus, Lamb of God,

All: have mercy on us.

Minister: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

All: have mercy on us.

Minister: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

All: grant us peace.

Minister: Jesus said, 'Come to me, all who are weary and whose load is heavy; I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest for your souls.' (Mt 11: 28 – 29).

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING OUT

CAROL BOOK 3

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**