

Welcome to worship

at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 7th December 2025

Second Sunday in Advent and Communion

Minister: Revd. Iain Majcher

Organist: Mr Matt Edwards

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ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

All: We are called to action rather than reaction.

Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

All: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

Come, draw near to God in faith.

All: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.

HYMN CH4 291

When out of poverty is born

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen

LIGHTING OF 2ND ADVENT CANDLE

ALL AGE SONG CH4 282

Christmas is coming
(verses 1 and 2)

FIRST READING

Matthew 11: 1-11

ANTHEM

SECOND READING

Malachi 3: 1-4

HYMN CH4 666

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

SERMON

HYMN GWA 101

There is no child so small

1. There is no child so small,
no scrap of life so precious,
who is not born like Jesus,
whose cry is like us all,
whose cry is like us all.

3. There is no child so lost,
no refugee so nameless
that God will hold us blameless,
who share no care or cost,
who share no care or cost.

2. There is no child unfed,
left hungry now at Christmas
but God will ask for justice,
for shelter and for bread,
for shelter and for bread.

4. There is no child so cheap,
in warfare or destruction,
that love cannot take action
when God is made to weep,
when God is made to weep.

5. There is not one of us
who could not be more giving,
and in the gift more loving,
to light a star for peace,
to light a star for peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Please remain standing if possible**

Emmanuel through your Incarnation you have shown us what it is to live imaginatively, love expansively and act creatively.

We confess that sometimes we have waited without thought and so have stifled fruitful possibilities

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

We confess that sometimes we have waited without generosity and so have constricted fruitful connection

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

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We confess that sometimes we have waited without hope and so have limited fruitful action

Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

We confess that sometimes we have simply been too busy or too distracted to wait and so have missed your moment ...

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

And so as we look once more for you, forgive the poverty of our waiting, touch our dreaming, stretch our living and energise our acting that we may be ready for your coming.

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; and out of that love God sent Jesus Christ to die for us that we may be restored to life.

Therefore, as Isaiah proclaimed, as Mary and Elizabeth proclaimed, as Simeon and Anna proclaimed, so too, can we proclaim to one another now:

All: God redeems you and restores you,

God loves you and forgives you,

God sees you and loves you!

Amen.

COMMUNION

...So with the company of heaven and earth we sing your praises...

ALL SING (tune CH4 769)

Holy, holy, holy,

my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words

‘You are holy, Lord.’

...The gifts of God for us, God’s children.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. For those worshipping in the building, the bread and non-alcoholic wine will be served to you in the pews. Please take one and pass it along the pew. When you receive the bread and wine, please feel free to eat, drink and pray in your own time.

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN CH4 283 (Tune of CH4 286)

The voice of God

BENEDICTION We remain standing if we are able for the blessing.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Welcome to worship in Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church. Whether you join us every week, are worshipping with us for the first time, returning after some time away or never been with us before, in person or online, we are delighted to worship with you.

You'll find tea, coffee, juice, and biscuits ready for you after the service in the Church Centre. We'd love for you to stick around for a cup of something warm and a good chat.

Our reader today is

This service is live-streamed. If you prefer not to appear on camera, please let our Welcome Team know

WHAT'S ON TODAY

The Creche is open from the start of the service and can be used at any point during the service, please ask at the door for more information.

Sunday School is on for any Primary School-aged children. We leave after the all age song and all children are welcome to join in.

Evening Worship – 5pm (West Halls) A contemporary service with tea, coffee, juice & biscuits served beforehand. Join us as we explore the meaning of the Advent candles together.

Travelling Nativity: Mary and Joseph are on the move around the parish! Thank you to everyone who has already welcomed them. If you would like to host them for a night, please speak to Aileen, our Student Ministry Candidate.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

West Blend Café

Tuesday · 10am · West Halls

Pop in for friendship, food, and a warm welcome!

The Guild Christmas Party,

Monday 8th December at 7.15pm

In the Chapterhouse for all Guild members

Bothwell Memory Café

Tuesday 9th December · 12.30–2.15pm

Bothwell Centre

Supporting those living with dementia and their carers.

COMING SOON

Baptism of Chloe Elizabeth Jenkins will be on **Sunday 14th December**.

Hog Roast

Sunday 14th December · 5pm

Tea & coffee provided, please bring any other refreshments you'd like.

Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 14th December · 7pm · Church

Allovs Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December · Tickets from Heather Duddy

Featuring guest entertainer Maggie D

Bothwell Philharmonic Choir – “Christmas Joy”

Friday 19th December · 7pm · Church

Tickets £12 or pay at the door.

OTHER NOTICES

Our brand-new church website is now up and running at www.bbcofs.org.uk, have a look and explore what's new! We are **looking for a small team of volunteers** to help keep it updated with news, events, and weekly orders of service. **No experience needed**, full guidance and support will be provided. Please chat to Revd Iain for more information.

Flowers

Sponsor a Sunday in memory of a loved one. A new list for 2026 will begin on 1st January. Email office@bbcofs.org.uk to reserve a date.

Christmas Treat Parcels

We are collecting fun-size sweets and chocolate for local nurseries and Messy Church children. Please bring your donations to Sunday morning or evening worship. Thank you for your support!

Knitting

Patterns for hats and baby jackets for Christmas can be found in a box at the front door. These will go to the Neonatal wards, Blythswood Care, the homeless and other charities. Please speak to Martha if you need any assistance.

Handmade Jewellery for Church Funds

Agnes Graham will be selling jewellery after worship today and at West Blend Café on Tuesday.

Church Administrator annual leave.

Sandra will be on leave from 8th December to 5th January (inclusive). Phone calls and emails will still be monitored remotely but may take a little longer. For urgent enquiries, please contact Revd. Iain directly.

GIVING

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church. Offerings may be placed in the basket as you leave, or you can give with contactless giving at the entrance. We also have a QR code for secure online giving.



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