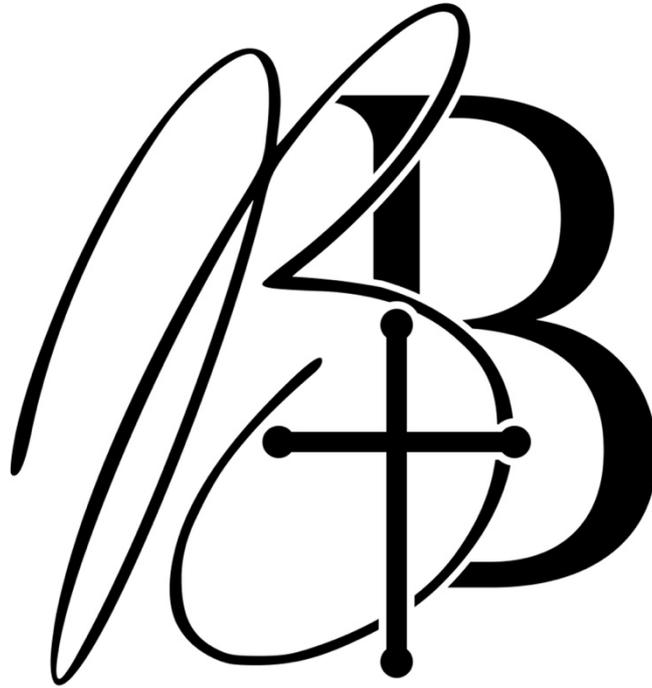


Welcome to worship at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 1st March 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

Minister: Revd. Iain Majcher

Organist: Mr Matt Edwards

Asst. Organist: Mrs Janet Young



ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

From where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

All: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night

How long will God protect us?

All: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this one and forevermore.

HYMN CH4 153

Great is thy faithfulness

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

ALL AGE TALK

ALL AGE SONG MP 880

Lord I come to you

1. Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.
Hold me close....

2. Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me.
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
by the power of Your love.
Hold me close...

*Hold me close, let Your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to Your side. And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle*

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-9

SECOND READING

John 3:1-17

HYMN GWA 127

Holy Spirit

1. Holy Spirit, living breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart
and make me whole
Cause Your Word
to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and
attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the
least
Gentleness that sows the path of
peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see

SERMON

HYMN GWA 69

Come to the table of grace

1. Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

3. Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

2. Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.

4. Come to the table of joy.
Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.

5. Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We remain standing if we are able and pray together the words the below.

Lord God, though you should guide us, we try to control our own directions and lives. Though you alone can truly satisfy us, we settle for lesser comforts.

We confess that we sometimes think Your truth is too demanding, Your will too costly, Your presence too distant, Your grace too generous.

But they are not! For without You, we are restless and incomplete, And without Your mercy, we are lost.

**Heal our confused minds by your Word.
Heal our divided wills by Your truth.
Heal our troubled consciences by Your grace.
Heal our anxious hearts by Your presence.**

**All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who loves us and gave himself for us. 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 who loves the Lord Jesus Christ is invited to share at His table. For those worshipping with us in the building, the bread and non-alcoholic wine will be distributed in the pews. Please take a piece and pass it on to your neighbour. The bread in the glass dishes is gluten-free. When you have received the bread and the wine, you are welcome to eat and drink prayerfully in your own time, giving thanks to God.

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN CH4 465

Be thou my Vision

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Join us tonight and every Sunday evening in our West Halls at 5pm for a contemporary service with tea, coffee, juice and biscuits before the service. Tonight, we explore the theme of God with the outsider.

This service is live-streamed. Should you not wish to appear in the recording, please speak to our welcome team.

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.

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

West Blend Café: every Tuesday at 10am in our West Halls, we would love to see you for tea, coffee, toast, cake and GREAT company.

Bothwell Memory Café: meets every Tuesday in our Bothwell Centre for those living with dementia. The weekly activities include art, musical entertainment, fun quizzes, and baking. The café is open from 12:30 to 14:15, offering tea, coffee, a light lunch, and homemade baking.

ADVANCED NOTICE

Messy Church Saturday 14th March from 3:00pm–5:00pm in the West Halls for an afternoon packed with: Loads of food. Loads of fun. Loads of faith...And yes... loads of mess! Messy Church is for all ages, a relaxed, creative way to explore faith together. Come ready to get stuck in, get a little messy, and enjoy the fun! We would love to see you there.

Saturday 21st March from 10:00am–12:00pm come along to Bothwell Church for a wonderful Home Baking Stall, raising funds for the life and work of the Church. Stock up on delicious cakes, traybakes, scones and more! Mark the date in your diary and bring a friend!

GIVING

If you wish to make an offering today to Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church, please use the basket at the top of the steps on your way out. Contactless giving is also available at the entrance. All financial gifts go towards the church's work. Alternatively, please use the QR code to give via our secure online giving platform.



Gift Aid: Maximise Your Impact! When you're using the contactless machine, why not unlock the power of your generosity? By selecting the option to gift aid your donation, you can make an even bigger difference! If you're a UK taxpayer, it won't cost you a penny extra; for every £1 you contribute, we'll receive an additional £0.25!

Help Us Fill the Food Larder !

Next time you're out shopping, why not grab an extra item or two? You can drop off your donations in the trolley anytime outside the Chapterhouse Café. This will help stock out shelves at both our buildings to support our community.

If possible, please choose tins with handy ring pulls that don't need a tin opener. Your small gesture will make a big difference!