

Welcome to worship today at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 4th October 2026

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ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of abundance,
God of fruitfulness,
God of generosity,

God of love beyond measure.
God of extravagance,
God of celebration,
God of goodness,
God of love beyond imagining.

All: We gather
to give thanks for the good things you give us,
to share your generosity with others,
and to celebrate by feasting at your table.

HYMN CH4 299

We plough the fields and scatter

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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 CH4 232

Pears and apples, wheat and grapes
Missing out verses 3 and 4

1st BIBLE READING

Deuteronomy 8:6-18

2nd BIBLE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

OFFERING DEDICATION: However we give, whether by standing order, by cash at the door, electronically via the QR code or the contactless machine, we offer it all to God.

Like the disciples at Emmaus,
we offer what we have.
They offered their company,
their table and their bread.
We bring the harvest of field and orchard,
and the work of our hands.

**All: Stay with us, Lord Jesus,
as we offer you our love,
our devotion and these gifts.
May our eyes be opened
to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.**

HYMN MP 152

For the Beauty of the earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Father, unto You we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Father, unto You we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

3. For the joy of love from God,
that we share on earth below;
for our friends and family,
and the love that they can show;
Father, unto You we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4. For each perfect gift divine
to our world so freely given,
thank You Lord that they are mine,
here on earth as gifts from heaven;
Father, unto You we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

SERMON

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: Gracious God,
You have given us the good news of Jesus Christ
and poured out Your Spirit to lead and guide us.
Yet we confess that we do not always turn to You.
We cling to old habits, hold tightly to our own desires,
and resist the changes You seek to make in us.
Too often we hear Your truth
without allowing it to shape our lives.
Forgive us, Lord.
Give us hearts that are willing to turn back to You
and follow where You lead.
Fill us with Your Spirit, strengthen our faith,
and help us see the people around us
who need Your love.
Give us courage to join You
in the work You are already doing
and to share the hope we have in Jesus,
in whose name we pray, Amen.
Please be seated

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, the children of God.

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 182

Now thank we all our God

SENDING *We remain standing, if we are able*

We gathered to give thanks.

All: We give thanks for all you provide, Father God.

We have been fed at your table.

All: We give thanks for Jesus, the bread of life.

We go out filled with joy.

**All: We give thanks for your Spirit,
who goes with us and lives within us.**

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 in person or online, come every week, are here for the first time or the first time in a long time, a very warm welcome.

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, 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.

Today we celebrate Communion together. All are welcome at the Lord's table, whether this is your first time with us or you've been coming for years. In the building, the wine is non-alcoholic, and gluten-free bread is available in the small glass ramekins. Whether you choose to take communion or not, please pass the elements along to your neighbour. For those joining us from home, you are warmly welcome to participate too. Have your own bread and wine or juice ready, and we will share in this together regardless of the distance.

Need help? Look for anyone wearing a lanyard; they'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

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.

Children are welcome in worship. Busy Bags of Blessing for different ages are available by the entrance. Books for older children are on the table behind the AV desk, and there's Duplo, magnets, cars and a soft play area by the sofas at the front. Please feel free to do whatever works for you and your family. Please return the bags to the table as you leave.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

The Guild 2026-27 session begins with our Welcome Charity Social in aid of Children's Hospices across Scotland (CHAS) at 7.15 on Monday 5th October in the Chapterhouse. All are most welcome.

Westblend! Come along to the West Halls in Bellshill from 10:00 am every Tuesday for coffee, tea, cakes, toast and great company.

Bothwell Memory Café: meets every Tuesday in our Bothwell Centre for those living with dementia from 12:30 to 14:15, offering tea, coffee, a light lunch, and homemade baking.

COMING UP

Music @3pm Sunday 11th October, in the church. We look forward to welcoming Arietta Ladies Choir conducted by our very own Janet, for another short afternoon concert. Entry is free, donations are welcome.

The Guild Opening and Rededication will be held on Monday 19th October at 7.15 in the Chapterhouse. This year, we are privileged to welcome Karen Gillon, General Secretary of The Church of Scotland Guild, as our guest. All are most welcome.

Buy your Hogmanay tickets - £10, £5 for children See in the Bells with us! Live music, a ceilidh, and a floor waiting for you. Doors open at 20:30 at the West Halls, first dance at 21:00, last dance just before 01:00. Bring your own drinks (alcoholic or soft) and snacks, and bring your family and friends along for a night of fun as we dance our way from one year into the next. Tickets £10, available from Mary and Graham, who will be wearing lanyards or email hogmanay@bbcofs.org.uk.

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GIVING



Your generosity keeps our doors open and enables us to share the Gospel within our parish and further afield. We ask God to bless all that is given and to guide us in using it for his will rather than our own. If you would like to support the work and mission of Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church, a box is available at the door today for any coins or notes. You are also welcome to use the contactless machine or scan the QR code to give digitally.

If you would prefer to give regularly by standing order, or to add Gift Aid to your giving at no cost to yourself, please speak to a member of the Finance Team or email finance@bbcofs.org.uk. To all who already give, thank you for your kindness and faithfulness.