

## **Inverurie West Church Morning Worship ~ May 22 2022**

### **Opening music**

### **Welcome**

Thank you for joining our Sunday worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or in-person; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. Our current service series looks at a section of passages from Acts and considers their implications for how we do church. This morning we follow Paul and his companions into Macedonia and think about persuasion and persistence.

### **Call to Worship**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

that his way may be known upon earth,  
his saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God  
let all the peoples praise you.

Come, let us worship the Lord

### **Blessed assurance (CH4 561)**

### **Opening prayer (including the Lord's prayer)**

Our heavenly father  
May your holy name be honoured  
May your kingdom come  
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today what we really need  
Forgive us the wrong we do  
as we forgive those who wrong us

Lead us away from temptation  
Keep us safe from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever  
Amen

### **Intro to the Word**

### **Down to the river to pray**

## **Reading: Acts 16: 9-15 read by Linda Duncan**

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. 12 From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. 13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. 14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

### **Reflection**

### **Prayer**

### **News**

### **Let us build a house (CH4 198)**

### **The Grace**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

### **Blessing**

### **Closing music**

### **News**

**Ukrainian refugee support** - We're working with local partners to put together a small fund to help support Ukrainian refugees who arrive in Inverurie. We will also from time to time be looking for specific items to be donated. If you would like to make a financial donation or help collect suitable items, please speak to Rhona.

**Christian Aid week** - If you would like to support the local Christian Aid group appeal this year you can donate via e-envelope at

**<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/garioch-district-christian-aid-group?channel=copy>**

**Jubilee Celebration** - As part of the jubilee weekend celebrations, Inverurie District Churches Together is hosting a joint evening of praise on Sunday June 5 from 630 to 8 in the Town Hall. The evening will focus on the jubilee messages of freedom, forgiveness and restoration and feature the Fountain of Love gospel choir leading worship. All welcome!

**Worship leader course** - Gordon Presbytery are offering a five week series of Thursday evening training sessions in June for those interested in learning more about how to lead worship. Rhona is one of the facilitators and the sessions will be here at the West. It would be great to build up our worship team, so if you fancy giving it a go, do come along! No prior experience or knowledge necessary.

**Soup and Sweet** - tickets available now for this garden project fundraiser on 12 June after the morning service.

**Save the date** - Bennachie Bike Ride will be on 17 September, starting as usual from Fetternear. More details will be available closer to the time.

**Plant sale alternative** - We will not be holding an official plant sale this year, but if you have plants you have been nurturing we will have space to sell them in the porch whenever they are ready.

**General Assembly** - Rhona will be attending GA virtually from Sat 21 May to Thursday 26 May. She will be available for urgent pastoral matters, if needed.

**Foodbank** - This month they are currently in particular need of: **fruit juice (1 litre long life); UHT milk (full cream/semi skimmed, tinned vegetables; tinned tomatoes; individual jelly/fruit pots; toothpaste; shaving kit (razors/shaving gel)**

**Practical help** - if you, or anyone you know need shopping, errands etc done. We have lots of volunteers keen to help. For assistance ring Joyce Petrie on 01467 620932 or email [help@inveruriwestchurch.org](mailto:help@inveruriwestchurch.org)

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on [r.cathcart@inveruriwestchurch.org](mailto:r.cathcart@inveruriwestchurch.org) by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

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