



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 9 Feb 2025

Welcome to 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. This morning we will be looking at Jesus' words and actions in Luke 7 and thinking about restorative touch. We are also delighted to welcome the Harper family and guests for Kolby's baptism.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

FOR EVERYONE BORN A PLACE AT THE TABLE (CH4 685)

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

BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD (CH4 189)

Celebration of baptism

Apostles' Creed

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
We believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
We 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.**

Congregational Welcome

**Now we welcome Kolby and renew our commitment, with God's
help, to live in a kindly and Christian way; to share with all
God's children the knowledge and love of Christ; to nurture
one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer and
encourage one another in love**

Sung Blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you:
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,**

**and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.**

SONG - SPIRIT OF GOD, COME DWELL WITHIN ME (CH4 722)

Reading: Luke 7: 1-17 read by Morag Mitchell

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. 2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 6 So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

11 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. 12 As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

14 Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" 15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. 16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

17 This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Reflection -

Prayer

WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR (CH4 544)

Grace

Blessing

News

Bible study - Bible study continues on Wednesday 12 Feb on Zoom at 730pm. Between now and Lent are looking at the book of Philippians and its themes of joy, trust and hope in difficult times. All welcome. Contact Rhona for the Zoom link.

Website images - we are in the process of working on a new church website and are needing up to date images of church services and activities. To help us with this, Alan Harrow will be taking some images around service times or at various events over the next few weeks. We will always advise when this is happening and give people the option to sit/stand in a spot where they will not be seen if they do not wish themselves or their children to appear on the site. Alternatively if anyone is very happy to be photographed in close-up we'd be delighted to have some action shots!

Foodbank - We don't have a current wishlist from the Foodbank but regularly needed items include: Tinned spaghetti/macaroni, Tinned meat (hot or cold), Tinned vegetables, Tea bags (40s/80s, please), Tinned tomatoes, Small jars of coffee, Pot noodles/Mug Shots, UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full cream)

Fundraising and Stewardship - If you regularly shop online we could use your help. We currently have 15 people registered with the

Easyfundraising website as supporters of Inverurie West Church. Between them they have raised £102 for the church simply by registering and then using the link when ordering from Amazon, Tesco, Expedia and the like. As an example, the last time Rhona booked a holiday, the church got £16! If you're able to help, you can begin by following this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church> or chat to one of the Grants team (Janet Duncan, Alison Sharp, Laura Gray, Biff Barrow, Rhona) and they will talk you through it.

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

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

Donations to the work of the church (either nationally or to an individual congregation like ours) can be made online at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/11>