

Prayers before the Service: Eternal God, grant us new insights and deeper understanding, so that our faith may be enriched and our joy increased as we celebrate the great gift of Your Son. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Welcome & Family News

MP 493 *O come, O come Emmanuel*

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Reading Isaiah 9: 2, 6 & 7 (page 693)

MP 174 *Unto us a boy is born*

Reading Matthew 1: 18 - 25 (page 965)

MP 39 *As with gladness*

Sermon – God's Christmas Card

Offering – Doxology – MP 337 (v4)

Hymn (see over) *Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

MP 449 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Benediction

Reader this morning: Mrs Pat Strachan

If you are a Visitor we are delighted to have you with us and hope you enjoy our fellowship. As you leave, please sign the Visitor's Book in the main vestibule.

Welcoming you this morning is: Mr F Stevenson, Mrs H Collins, Mrs A Roache, Mrs C Shearing, Mrs P Marr, Ms T McKeand Mrs H Stevenson.

If you know of any member of the Congregation ill at home or in hospital, please inform the Minister or an Elder.

Flowers in Church today were donated by:
Mrs G McClelland
(**9th Dec:** *Mr & Mrs A Templeton*)

Flower Distributor 9th Dec: Mrs Stirling
(**16th Dec:** *Mrs Leckie*)

Men's Guild: meet on **Monday 3rd December** from 7 – 9.30pm for a Games Night.

Auld Kirk Lunches: continue on **Tuesday 4th December** from 12 noon with Judy Robertson's team - come along for some good food and good company.

Auld Kirk Guild: will be celebrating with a Christmas Party on **Wednesday 12th December** at **2pm** with Alex and Friends.

Ayr Churches Joint Advent Service: will be held in The Auld Kirk this evening **at 6.30pm**

Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts

thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call:
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living Bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the Fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when they gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in
GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
And in
JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR
LORD
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead,
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in
The HOLY GHOST;
The HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;
The COMMUNION OF SAINTS;
The FORGIVENESS OF SINS;
The RESURRECTION OF THE BODY;
And the LIFE EVERLASTING. Amen

The Auld Kirk of Ayr
(St. John the Baptist)
Sunday 2nd December 2018

Ayr Community Gospel Choir *and special guests* presents

“That’s Christmas to Me”

Saturday 8th December – 6.30pm – Ayr Town Hall

**Free Admission – Freewill Offering towards the work of
the Salvation Army Ayr and North Ayr Thegither!**

Revd David R Gemmell MA BD
Minister

Alan G Templeton LTCL
Organist

**If you would like to volunteer to be a Reader at the
Watchnight Service on Christmas Eve,
please contact Sharon in the office – 262938**