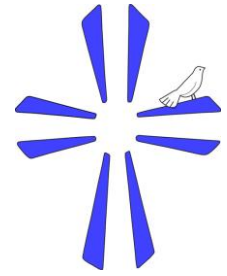




**West Kirk of Calder  
Church of Scotland**



**Order of Service**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

9.45am West Calder  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent



*Advent*  
*lessons and carols*

Worship led by  
Rev Alison Quilter

Organist  
Catriona Curtis

## **Gathering of God's People**

Time when we greet one another and prepare for worship.

Feel free to remain seated during worship if this is more comfortable for you.

Remain seated while the offerings are received.

Those who are able, please stand for the entry of the Bible.

Words of welcome and intimations.

## **Worshipping God Together**

### **Call to Worship**

Minister: Joy. Today is the third Sunday of Advent.  
The Sunday of Joy.

**All: Joy comes to us when we do not expect it.  
May joy surprise us this morning.**

Minister: May joy fill us this morning.

Lighting of third Advent candle

**CH4 Hymn 304 O little town of Bethlehem (singing v 1,3 &4)**

### **Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

**All:**

**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.**

Children's Talk: 'A Life of promises' Stephen Elliot

Presentation of Year of Young people certificates

**Song: Praise the Lord** (words on the screens; Tune Jingle Bells)

There is a crèche available for young children under 3 years of age.

Those wishing to use the crèche facilities are welcome to return for the remainder of the service.

**Reading 1: Prophecy**

Isaiah, chapter 9, vv 2, 6&7; Micah, chapter 5, vv 2 - 4

Reader: Liz Dyer

**CH4 Hymn 290**

**The race that long in darkness pined**

(Singing verses 1, 2 & 3; Tune St Magnus(Nottingham))

**Reading 2: Annunciation**

Luke, chapter 1, vv 26 – 33, 38

Reader: Jean Pringle

**CH4 Hymn 316**

**Love came down at Christmas**

**Reading 3: Joseph's Dream**

Matthew, chapter 1, vv 18 – 23

Reader: Douglas Horn

**CH4 Hymn 309**

**Still the night, holy the night**

**Reading 4: Shepherds**

Luke, chapter 2, vv 8 – 16

Reader: Hazel Tod

**CH4 Hymn 302**

**It was on a starry night**

**Reading 5: Wise Men**

Matthew, chapter 2, vv 1 – 11

Reader: Stewart MacRae

**CH4 Hymn 323**

**The first Nowell**

(singing verses 3, 4 & 5)

**Reading 6: The Word**

John, chapter 1, vv 1 – 14

Reader: Aileen Milne

**Reflection: Rev Alison Quilter**

**Responding to God's Word**

Our offerings are given for the ministry and mission of the church, while the organist plays a hymn

Prayer of dedication, thanksgiving, & intercession: Douglas Horn

**CH4 Hymn 301**

**Hark!" the herald angels sing**

Blessing & Sung Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is removed

*You are invited to stay for tea and coffee served in the hall*

### **Intimations**

A very warm welcome to all visitors to our worship this morning.

If you are new to our congregation,

and would like to make contact or know more about us,

we would encourage you to complete the welcome card to be found in the pews and hand it to either the minister or duty officers on your way out of church.

There is a list on the church vestibule notice boards of the various people with whom contact can be made for church business.

**If you learn of anyone in hospital or at home in need of a visit, please help us by either completing a form in the vestibule and handing to a duty elder or phone the minister or one of the elders.**

### **Dates for the diary**

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Jingle & Mingle at West Calder High School at 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WCHS Christmas service in West Kirk at 11am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	African Children's Choir Concert in West Kirk at 7pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Parkhead Primary Christmas Service in West Kirk at 9.15am
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	United Nativity service at West Kirk at 10.30am
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Jak's Den Christmas concert in West Kirk at 7pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Family service at Polbeth Harwood at 6.30pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Watchnight service at West Kirk at 11.30pm

**In addition, dates of future events can be found detailed in the calendar section of the website [www.west-kirk-polbeth-harwood.co.uk](http://www.west-kirk-polbeth-harwood.co.uk)**

### **Duty Team for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

Door Duty Team:	H Tod; J Allan; J Pringle
Car Run:	George Stott
Tea Rota:	Olive Gibson & Margaret Hogg
Creche:	N/A
Flowers: given by	Mr & Mrs Baxter
arranged by	N/A
delivered by	Margaret Greenhorn