



Sunday 2nd February 2025

10.30am Morning Worship

Candlemas

Luke 2 : 36 - 40

Welcome

Prayer

Words of greeting

How lovely are the dwelling places of God!

Let God find a home in our hearts.

Blessed are those who dwell in God's house

Let our worship and our friendship be safe places.

You are blessed when you find your strength in the Lord

Let us turn now to the living God in worship and praise.

Song : I have a friend

This time tomorrow

Young people leave for their groups

Confession

Holy and merciful God,

in your presence we confess

our sinfulness, our shortcomings,

and our offences against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned

in wandering from your ways,

in wasting your gifts,

in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry

for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins,

and help us to live in your light

and walk in your ways,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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

Songs : I love you Lord (goodness of God)

Reckless love

Bible Reading Luke 2 : 36 – 40

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Talk : What kind of pastor are we praying for?

Song : Great is your faithfulness

Affirmation of faith

We believe and trust in God the Father

Who made the world.

We believe and trust

In his Son Jesus Christ,

Who redeemed mankind,

We believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,

Who gives life to the people of God.

We believe and trust in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Final prayer