

Readings

2 Sm 23:1-7,
Ps 132:1-12, (13-18)
Rev 1:4b-8,
Jn 18:33-37



Preaching

9am Rev David MacGregor

WELCOME TO AUC!

Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway after the service.

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Please pray for:

Leaders at Assembly, Synod and Presbytery for wisdom and discernment in making decisions affecting the wider church.

Our elders and members of the Church Council as they make decisions affecting the life of our church.

The Joint Nominating Committee and Presbytery as they seek to discern the calling of a new ministry agent for our congregation.

Many of our number who are in need of healing, comfort and strength of heart.

The youth of our city.

An end to the hostilities in Ukraine and the Middle East; and an end to the Israel-Hamas conflict; and the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

COMMUNITY – ABSOLUTELY – IN CHRIST!

“Community” is such a key component of what it means to live out our Christian faith. Can you be a Christian in isolation? Many have tried. Many have, if not failed, certainly never had opportunity to grow and be enriched in their discipleship. That’s always been my experience. Yours too?

In fact, it’s been the experience of followers of Jesus for the last 2000 years. We read of the earliest days of the Christian church when they practised Christian community – not for their own sakes, but for betterment of their community and each other. Take Acts 2:43-47

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” (NRSVUE)



There was praise, goodwill, mission, generosity, hospitality, service, worship, growth and so much more.

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Today in worship, I'll spend some time sharing and reflecting on what for me was an outstanding nine weeks with the ecumenical, international Iona Community, founded in the late 1930s on the remote Isle of Iona, Scotland and continuing its island presence there, with HQ in Glasgow ever since. It's a time that has changed my outlook and faith for the better in multiple ways. Yes, like that early church community and Christian community down the ages, "There was praise, goodwill, mission, generosity, hospitality, service, worship, growth and so much more".



Community does that; community where Christ and Christ's mission and heart for justice and welcome are at the centre.

Shalom,

David (& Dale)

Rev David MacGregor

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Pocket Prayer Quilts

There are some pocket prayer quilts for sale for a gold coin donation. They are just something little you can give to someone you know who is struggling. If you would like one they are located in the foyer.

Marissa

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Pot luck supper: prayer and medication to follow.

A song fest was hell at the Gospel Community Church on

Wednesday.



Sunday Service 17 November 2024 Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Rev David MacGregor** for bringing the message to us today. Welcome to our service here and to those at home. To participate in worship, please click on the link below and sit back and wait for the service to start.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM_yuTGxZEXsdQPd3XEQbtA/live

If you miss it, or would like to share it with someone, the recordings are on our website.

A week of celebrations

First, the Orana Luncheon

The Orana gals enjoyed lunch and lots of laughs for their Christmas breakup and celebrated the milestone of Val's significant "0" birthday. We took along David as our Security Guard.



...And second, the Go Group luncheon

where participants were setting a new fashion with their crowns.



LOVING ONE ANOTHER...

This week I saw the real value of pastoral care in practice. I was phoning some of our home bound members to enquire about their pastoral needs. Four lovely ladies in a row responded with sincere appreciation for the call plus some personal appreciation of myself. They cared for me as much as I was offering care to them. I felt loved and valued. What they especially appreciate from their church family is that someone takes the weekly Outreach to their home. The Outreach keeps lonely lambs connected to the flock as much as a phone call does – it's an affirmation that says you are one of us; you are not forgotten. It says "we care for you". Truly, we are blessed by God, to nurture and bless one another. John 15:12-14

Kate & Wendy.

Bill and Vi's jam and chutney for sale

Bill and Vi's jam and chutney are for sale again.

A jar only costs \$5. If you wish to buy a jar, they will be located in the foyer.

Large jars cost \$10

All money raised goes to the Distress Fund which helps those in need.



Offerings to date 19 November 2024

Week \$1,769.22

Budgeted Offerings \$30,400

Offerings year to date
\$32,338.63

Difference plus \$1,838.63

Donations Carpark \$10,240.00

AUC Bank Details:

Bank: ANZ

BSB: 014-010

Account Number:

General Acc - 287295271

Distress Fund Acc - 287295327

Account Name: UCA Aitkenvale

Reference: Offering, Donation, (no need to include your name or any other details)



Rosters & Readings for 1st December 2024

9am Service

Preacher	David M
Reader	Liz J
Greeters	Lola C
Offering	Greg S & Royce D
Livestream	Grace F & Mal H
Data	Reg D
Organ	Carmel S
Morning Tea	Beth & Mal H

Lectionary Readings

Jerimiah 33:14-16 Ps 25:1-10
1 Thes 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

AUC Prayer Network.

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If you wish to have a prayer request circulated across the AUC Prayer Network, or would like to be included in the prayer network notices, please email your request to our direct email address: aucprayer@bigpond.com, or phone Kate on: 0429 609 509.

(Important: requests for prayer on behalf of others requires their personal permission. This is due to confidentiality requirements and government legislation. Please ask first.)

