



ORDER OF SERVICE

If you're not familiar with what happens during a typical Church of Scotland Sunday service, then, **as well as a warm welcome**, here's an overview of what to expect when you visit us and we worship God together (*we sing from screens around the church, but hymn books are also available*).

Welcome and Intimations

Any news items and an introduction to today's worship,
i.e. what we are thinking about today

Opening Hymn

To allow us to share, smile, and sing with each other

Gathering Prayers

To bring us all together before God before we begin

Offering

A gesture of recognition of God's goodness to us and
our willingness to participate in God's work through our giving

Bible readings

Usually two, one from the Gospels, the other from the Old or New Testament.
Read by one of the congregation

Hymn

Usually chosen to highlight an area of Bible reading,
leading us in the direction of the sermon

Sermon

Also known as an 'address', a time of teaching and shared learning from the Bible
and what it teaches us in our lives today

Silence

A time to relax and reflect during which Ruth, our organist, plays softly

Prayers of Intercession

Led by one of the congregation, these are prayers for our
world, our church, our parish, and ourselves

Hymn

Usually a rousing, well-known one to send us out in the Spirit of God.
We open the front doors for this so we can be heard!

Benediction

Closing words of blessing before we leave

We sing

"May the God of peace go with us, as we travel from this place;
may the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace"