



## MORNING SERVICE | 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021, 11AM

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### Welcome & Notices (Peter Turnbull, Minister)

#### Song: O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour may serve you as our  
king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you  
still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

### ALL IN (children's address)

### Prayer (led by Sue Hopkinson)

### Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14 (read by Lindsey Wilson)

### Sermon: Ephesians: God's Masterplan pt. 1

Peter Turnbull | Ephesians 1:1-14 | SPACE FOR NOTES

#### 1. AN UNSHAKEABLE PLAN

#### 2. AN AMAZING BLESSING

A) **Selection**

B) **Salvation**

C) **Security**

D) [God has let you in on his] **Strategy**

#### How to respond?

- Be Aware

- Be Thankful

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### Communion

#### Song: Scottish Psalter 139 v1-6

- 1 How blessed the one who has received  
forgiveness for his sin!
- 2 Whose sins are covered from God's face,  
Whose debt is cancelled in God's grace;  
there's no deceit in him.
- 3 When I kept silent, all my bones  
with groaning were worn out.
- 4 Beneath your hand I felt entrapped  
Both day and night; my strength was sapped  
as in a summer drought.
- 5 Then I laid bare my sin to you,  
the guilt that lay within.  
I said, "O LORD, I have transgressed"—  
And you forgave when I confessed;  
you pardoned all my sin.

### FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Every plan needs an end goal. What is God's end goal for his creation?
2. "to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ" (v10) is a tricky phrase. What do you understand this to mean?
3. What implications does this have for our lives now? What should we prioritise?
4. The blessings we have as Christians are a) "in the heavenly realms" and b) "in Christ". What does this mean?
5. Paul is overflowing with praise here for the blessings God has brought us in/through Jesus. Which four blessings did we particularly focus on during the sermon? How are you grateful for these? Spend some time praising God for his goodness and asking him to speak to us through the rest of Ephesians.

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

**Sunday 25 Apr.** 11am Communion Service (Peter Turnbull)

**Sunday 25 Apr.** 6pm Evening Service (Peter Turnbull) - joint with Elgin Free Church

**Monday 26 Apr.** 10am Mission & Vision Prayer (ZOOM)

Meeting ID: 895 1469 9363 | Passcode: 123456

**Tuesday 27 Apr.** 7pm Pathfinders Youth Group

**Wednesday 28 Mar.** 7.30pm Church Family Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Meeting ID: 861 08256482 | Passcode: 929797

**Thursday 29 Mar.** 7:30pm Christianity Explored

Meeting ID: 829 7241 9800 | Passcode: 716655

**Sunday 2 May** 11am Morning Service (Peter Turnbull)

**Sunday 2 May** 6pm Evening Service (Peter Turnbull) - joint with Elgin Free Church



**EVENING SERVICE | 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021, 6PM**

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**Song: Sing Psalms 96 v1-7**

- 1 The LORD is king; his throne endures majestic in his height.  
The LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength and might.  
The world is founded firm and sure— removed it cannot be.
- 2 Your throne is strong, and you are God from all eternity.
- 3 The seas, O LORD, have lifted up, they lifted up their voice;  
The seas have lifted up their waves and made a mighty noise.
- 4 The LORD, enthroned on high, is strong; more powerful is he  
Than thunder of the ocean's waves or breakers of the sea.
- 5 Your royal statutes, LORD, stand firm; unchanging is your word.  
And holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

**Prayer**

**Reading:** Esther 1.1-2.14

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**Sermon: Esther: God's Silent Sovereignty pt.1**

Peter Turnbull | Esther 1.1-2.14 | SPACE FOR NOTES

1. Portraits of Power

2. Windows on Weakness

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