



# Order of Service

## Balerno Parish Church

Balerno Linked with Currie

### Advent 2

### Gift service

7<sup>th</sup> December 09:30am



Worship led by Rev. Roy Henderson  
Musicians Martin Petty and the choir

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

Time when we greet one another and prepare for worship. Those who are able please stand for the entry of the Bible. Words of welcome and announcements.

## **Worshipping God Together**

### **Call to Worship**

Minister: Seasons turn, days pass,

**All: it is time to watch.**

Minister: Years race, hours drag,

**All: it is time to wait.**

Minister: Time flies, moments weigh heavy,

**All: it is time to pray.**

Minister: Unlit candles await a spark.

**All: In the night we long for dawn.**

Minister: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,

**All: so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

## **Hymn CH4 334 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry**

### **Prayer of Approach to God & 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.**

Advent Crown: A People of Peace

**All: All: God of peace, strengthen our hearts to act in service of those living through violence and conflict. Amen.**

## **Hymn GWA 90 We are a people of Hope (v 1 & 2)**

## **Reflecting on God's Word**

Reading 1: Romans 15: 4-13 read by Margaret Forsyth

Choir sings: Still, still, still by Andrew Gant

Reading 2: Matthew 3: 1-12 read by Margaret Forsyth

**Hymn CH4 274 Comfort, comfort now my people**

Sermon

## **Responding to God's Word**

Prayer for others: Kay Coull

**CH4 473 'Thy kingdom come!' – on bended knee**

## **Dismissal**

Minister : God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and the suffering ones, the angels in heaven, the child in the womb.

**All: Give us your benediction, your good word for our souls, that we might rest and rise in the kindness of your company.**

(Cloth for the Cradle – Wild Goose Worship Group)

**Threefold Amen**

**Please remain standing as The Bible is removed**

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

**THANKS TO YOU...** Thank you for all your generous contributions towards the ministry and mission of the Church. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the wallets at the end of each row.



**BALERNO PARISH CHURCH**  
Intimations  
Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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## **What's on December 2025**

### **Church Services**

**14 December:** Lessons and Carols service in Balerno 09:30 & 11:15 Currie  
**21 December:** Joint Church Service in Currie Kirk 11:15 (no service in Balerno)  
**24 December:** Family Service Balerno 18:00 & Watch night service 23:30  
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**25 December:** Christmas Day Family Service 10.00am Currie Kirk  
(no service in Balerno)

### **Intimations**

**Chat Room:** Speak to Rev. Roy Henderson on Wednesdays in the Shepherd Room 12:30-13:30

**Recording of Services:** Please note that services are recorded and uploaded to You-Tube for the benefit of those who are unable to attend church. If you do not wish to appear in the video then please avoid sitting in the front four rows of the congregation. Thank-you.

**Advent Study Group** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> St Josephs 15:00-16:00 All Welcome.

**CHRISTIAN AID: Digital Advent Calendar forms part of the 2025** Christmas Appeal which features Democratic Republic of Congo [www.caid.org.uk/christmas](http://www.caid.org.uk/christmas)  
**9 December: Pentland Singers Christmas Concert** on Tuesday 9th December at Balerno Parish Church. Start time is 7.30pm and tickets (£12 but free for 12 year olds and younger) on the door, from members or online:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/pentland-singers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pentland-singers)

**10 December: Kirk Session Meeting** St Josephs 19:30 In the St Joseph's Centre

**13 December: Christmas Tree Festival** Ogston hall from 09:00-13:00.

**13 December: Carol singing at Farmers Market** Main Street Saturday. Meet in Foyer of Mill Café at 09:50am and wrap up warmly! Come and join us. All are welcome. Words & music provided. Have fun singing the well-known traditional carols

**13 December: Quiet Day in Currie Kirk 10.00—2.00 pm** Remembrance at 12:00

**13 December: Broxburn & Livingston Brass Band Concert** Balerno Church 19:30 Tickets £10 Under 16 £5 available from the Church office

**16 December: Sing-a-long Christmas Carols with One Bar Rest** 19:00 at the Grey horse pub

**23 December: Balerno Village Screen It's a wonderful life.** Doors open at 16:30. Film at 17:00 in St Josephs.