

2. Saviour Jesus, now be near us as we bring our lives to you.  
In our children may your love sing. May they know your promise true.  
Water flowing, Spirit sending, faith a-growing, Love unending.  
Take their lives and make them new. Take their lives and make them new.
3. In their growing keep them knowing of the wonder of your love.  
Root their living in the giving of the Saviour from above.  
Living Jesus, stand among us; ever with us, go before us.  
In our lives your Spirit move. Let us all your loving prove.

TODAY WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Jessie Kathleen Forrester**  
*infant daughter of Caroline and William*

**Affirmation** [said by Congregation standing]

*We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who was present in Jesus revealing to us sacrificial love  
and forgiveness as the way of life for the world.  
We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence in creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and peace  
In the name of Christ. Amen.*



**Blessing : 'A Scots Nativity'** (Alan Bullard – words trad. Scots) The Ferryhill Singers

**Questions to Congregation**

You who are gathered here represent the world-wide Church. Do you therefore welcome Jessie Kathleen into the Church and do you promise to love and care for all the children associated with this congregation? **We do**  
Do you also pledge all help, encouragement and support to Caroline and William as they seek to walk with Jessie Kathleen in Christ's way of love, justice and peace? **We do**

**Prayer 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 the wrong we have done,  
as we forgive those who have wronged us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For yours are the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever.*

**We go to serve God with God's blessing**

Hymn 320 'Joy to the world' [T : Antioch]

**Sending and Blessing**

Go in peace. Follow the star that you may live in the light and love of Christ and carry his joy in your hearts.  
So may the blessing of God go with you and remain with you always.  
**Amen (Said)**



**Church of Scotland**  
**Presbytery of Aberdeen**  
**Parish of Ferryhill**  
18th December, 2011  
at 11 a.m.  
Fourth in Advent  
(Seasonal Colour Purple)

HOPE  
PEACE  
LOVE  
JOY



**Welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church.**

If you are a visitor you are especially welcome;  
**please sign the Visitors' Book in the Foyer.**



*There are no personalised seats here so please feel free to sit where you wish.*

If you wear a hearing aid please adjust it to the appropriate position to benefit from the loop hearing system.

**Please use the Atrium and Foyer for conversations before the service to allow the Church to be a place for quiet reflection.**

Toilets, one with wheelchair access and one with nappy changing facility, are located off the Foyer near the foot of the west stairs leading to the gallery. Children of all ages are welcome in the service but should any become upset, parents should feel free to move to the Foyer where the service can also be heard. A selection of children's books can be found in the two racks just inside the doors between the Foyer and the Church — please make use of these and return them after the service.

There is a crèche in the Upper Room for the under-threes.  
(Please ask one of the people on door duty for directions).

**Order of Service**

In preparation for the singing of each hymn, *please stand as soon as the organist begins playing the introduction* but please remain seated during the hymns if you find it difficult or uncomfortable to stand.

Those parts of the service where the congregation is invited to respond are indicated in **highlighted words**.

The service today is led by The Ferryhill Singers, Elspeth McKay-Smith, (Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament) and Revd J H A Dick (Minister at Ferryhill).

The Director of Music is Kevin Haggart.

The Beadle on duty is Noel Hughson.

The Chancel flowers today have been donated by Jess Shearer in memory of loved ones.



## We Approach God

**Introit : 'Glory to God'** (Hymn 762, Trad. Peruvian Chant) Sung by the Ferryhill Singers

### Call to Worship:

Among the poor, **among the proud,**  
among the persecuted, **among the privileged,**  
Christ is coming, **He is coming to make all things new**  
In the private house, **in the market place,**  
in the wedding feast, **in the judgement hall,**  
Christ is coming, **He is coming to make all things new**  
With a gentle touch, **with an angry word,**  
with a clear conscience, **with burning love,**  
Christ is coming, **He is coming to make all things new .**  
That the kingdom might come, **that the world might believe,**  
that the powerful might stumble, **that the humble might be raised,**  
Christ is coming, **He is coming to make all things new**  
Within us, **without us,** among us, **before us,**  
in this place, **in every place,** for this time, **for all time,**  
Christ is coming, **He is coming to make all things new**  
Let us worship God.



**Hymn 472 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus'** [T : Stuttgart]

### Prayer

## God speaks to us through

The Lighting of the rose candle to stand for joy.

*Loving God, we open ourselves to you  
Trusting that this is how you made us;  
You created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.  
Show us the creative power of hope  
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
Magnify your love within us,  
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,  
but must be shared.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.*



**Hymn 284 (verses 1 - 4) 'Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets'**

[T: Galloway Tam] *(Please remain Seated)*

**Notices and 'Welcome Time':** an opportunity to greet one another and welcome visitors

**'Let all mortal flesh keep silent'** (French Carol arr. Stephen Cleobury) Sung by the Ferryhill Singers

**'The Story of Light and Darkness'** (Group Reading)

**Hymn 303 'It came upon the midnight clear'** [T : Noel]

**'Tomorrow shall be my dancing day'** (John Gardner) sung by the Ferryhill Singers

**The Gospel according to Luke 2 : 1 - 10** (Scots language version by W.W. Smith)

**'Noel let us sing'** (French Carol — Noel Nouvlelet) sung by the Ferryhill Singers

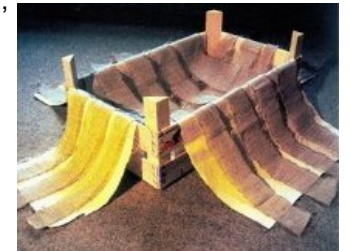
**'God Bearer'** (poem by Anne Lawson)

**'Personent Hodie'** (German Carol, words from Piae Cantiones 1582) sung by the Ferryhill Singers

**'Cloth for the cradle'** – Symbolic Action with song

1. Darkness and light and all that's know by sight,  
silence and echo fading,  
weave into one a welcome for the Son,  
set earth its own maker serenading.
2. Hungry and poor, the sick and the unsure,  
wealthy whose needs are stranger,  
weave into one a welcome for the Son,  
leave excess and want beneath the manger.
3. Claimant and queen, wage earners in between,  
trader and travelling preacher,  
weave into one a welcome for the Son,  
whose word brings new life to every creature.
4. Wrinkled or fair, carefree or full of care,  
searchers of all the ages,  
weave into one a welcome for the Son,  
the Saviour of shepherds and of sages.

*Chorus*  
*Cloth for the cradle,*  
*Cradle for the child,*  
*The child for our every Joy*  
*and sorrow:*  
*Find him a shawl*  
*that's woven by us all*  
*To welcome the Lord*  
*of each tomorrow*



## Our response to God

The Offerings are taken up

Offering Hymn 305 **'In the bleak mid-winter'** [T : Cranham ]

Act of Dedication : (please remain standing and say together)

*Generous God, we do not know why you keep on giving to us  
We cannot understand your joy in it.  
But give to us as we give to other people your own joy in giving  
As Jesus received the gifts from the wise men, we now give to you  
sharing with them in your worship. Amen (the Congregation sits)*

Prayers of concern

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**Hymn 'Lord, we meet you, Christ, we greet you'** [T : Infant Holy]

1. Lord, we meet you, Christ, we greet you, born a child and yet a King.  
Round your cradle, in the stable, we would each our praises bring.  
From above us, you come near us, show you love us, ever hear us.  
Now to you we glory sing. Now to you we glory sing.

*(continued overleaf)*