

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

Sunday 31 August 2025
at 11.00 am

God the Builder – Part One



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship (1 Kings 8)

(Congregation standing)

ALL: *Be among us, O Lord
THERE IS NO OTHER LIKE YOU*

ALL: *Be among us, O Lord
YOUR PROMISES ARE TRUE*

ALL: *Be among us, O Lord
O LORD, HEAR OUR CRY*

Hymn 200 *‘Christ is made the sure foundation’*

Opening Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn *‘For I’m building a people of power’*

For I’m building a people of power
And I’m making a people of praise
That will move through this land by
my spirit
And will glorify my precious name

Build your church, Lord, Make us
strong, Lord
Join our hearts, Lord, through your
Son
Make us one, Lord, in Your Body,
In the Kingdom of Your Son

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Hymn 91 *‘Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord’ (vs 1) (seated)*

1st Reading 1 Kings 5: vs 1-7 (OT p335) Malcolm MacBean

Hymn 91 *‘Praise the Lord’ (vs 1 again) (seated)*

2nd Reading John 2: vs 13-21 (NT p119)

Hymn 91 *‘Praise the Lord’ (vs 2) (seated)*

Hymn 198 *‘Let us build a house’*

Sermon *‘God the Builder – Part One: Temple’*

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 642 *‘Ye that know the Lord is gracious’*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7 September 2025 at 11.00am

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith.

On this occasion, bread and wine will be brought to the congregation from the Communion Table.

Could those wishing to share in the Lord's Supper please sit downstairs..

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service

INTIMATIONS FOR TODAY

Welcome We welcome everyone to our service this morning. A special welcome is extended to any visitors who may be worshipping with us. If you have moved to Inverness, we would be very pleased to have you worship with us regularly. Please make yourself known to one of the stewards on duty as you leave, or complete one of the cards situated at the end of the pews.

The Bible Please stand when the Church Officer brings the Bible into the sanctuary for the start of our worship together. Thank you.

Internet Access Please can you ensure that all mobile phones and other devices such as iPads are switched off completely before the service to avoid interference with the sound system. Thank you for your co-operation.

Livestreaming Services are routinely recorded on video and livestreamed. The front five pews in the main block could be in shot (normally the backs of heads only). Also anyone crossing the church in front of the communion table could be in view. If you wish to avoid being recorded, please speak to one of our welcome teams who will be happy to help you choose a seat out of camera shot.

No Tea and Coffee Because of Messy Church this afternoon, there is no tea and coffee after the service today.

Bible Study and Prayer Group We meet in Room 2 **tonight** at 5pm when we will complete our studies of the twelve Disciples chosen by Jesus, but three little mentioned in Scripture. Our study is in Luke Ch 18 vs 18--30. All are welcome.

Moderator of the General Assembly The Moderator, the Rt Rev Rosemary Frew, will visit Ness Bank on **Monday 8 September**. A light lunch will be provided at 12.30pm and 30 places are available for anyone who would like to meet her. An opportunity is also being taken to raise some funds for the refurbishment project and a donation of £5.00 is suggested. If you wish to attend please let Malcolm MacBean, Session Clerk, (07745 378531) know as soon as possible.

Highland Foodbank The items requested for August are:

Tins of potatoes

Tins of fruit

Deodorant/toothpaste

Tins of mince/ravioli

Tins of corned beef

Bags for life, new or used

Tins of ham

Jars of pasta sauce

NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

NBC Leaders' Group The next meeting of the Leaders' Group will be held on **Wednesday 3 September** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

GENERAL NOTICES

Inverness YMCA/CYC is holding a Supper Evening in Smithton Free Church on **Friday 12 September** at 6.00pm for 6.30pm for the purpose of raising funds and fostering fellowship. The guest speaker is Rev Stuart Smith. If you wish to attend, contact George MacLean. Secretary, YMCA (gmgfmaclean@gmail.com) by Sunday 7 September.

Thrive '25 – Inverness Conference - to learn, connect and thrive as a Christian in your workplace. **Tuesday 16 September**, 6.30-9.30pm at King's Inverness, Smithton, £15. See Eventbrite for details and booking.

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