

Order of Service

Song: When I survey

Prayer

Song: By faith we see

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 5:1-6 & Romans 2:17-27

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: O for a heart to praise my God

- Please pray for Bob and Lucy Quinn in Moree. They are involved in Bible studies, visiting people 'shut in' and other activities. May God bless them and those that they help, and are helped by.
- *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be fully equipped for every good work."* May God use His word in each of these ways, as is good and necessary, in our lives.
- *"If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me (Robert Murray McCheyne)."* He prayed for Peter's faith not to fail, despite Satan's attacks. Thank Christ Jesus for His prayer.

⁶ *The lips of fools bring them strife,
and their mouths invite a beating.*

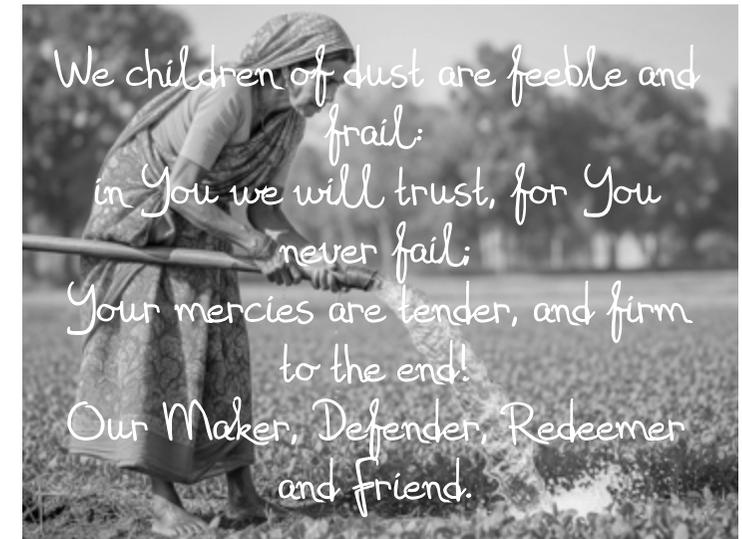
⁷ *The mouths of fools are their undoing,
and their lips are a snare to their very lives.*

- Proverbs 18:6-7

Walcha
Presbyterian
Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



Sunday 22 March 2026

Welcome and please join us for a cuppa after the service

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Notices

Membership- Membership is for professing Christians who are baptised. It is committing to a local church and requires a credible declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

Baptism- After the Lord Jesus rose from the dead he commanded baptism (Matt. 28:19; also Acts 10:48).

Talk to Graham, Doug or Gordon

Op shop – if anyone is able to help at the Op shop one day per month or more, then it would be greatly appreciated.

Congregational meeting – the Annual Congregational Meeting is today.

Combined service – next week, Sunday 29th March (fifth Sunday of the month), at the Pres. Church, 9:30am.

Good Friday – Friday, 3rd April, 9:30am, come worship God and praise Him for giving His Son.

God's Word:

Mar 22 – Romans 2:17-27 (outward signs...)

Mar 29 – Romans 2:28-29 (matters of the heart)

Apr 3- Good Friday

Apr 5 – Easter Sunday. He is risen!

	22 Mar	29 Mar	5 Apr
Kids' Talk	Graham	Stuart	Doug
Door	Eric	Cameron	
Morning Tea	Judy + Sue	Chris G + Sam	Helen + Beulah

Romans 2:17-27

Outward signs, yet inward disobedience

In John 8, the Lord Jesus spoke at the Festival of Tabernacles and *“even as He spoke, many put their faith in Him.”* Yet, some were grappling with what this meant for their identity as God’s chosen people and said, *“Abraham is our father (v.39).”*

A marvellous human being! (v.17-21)

- “If you call yourself a Jew “;
 - Boast about their relationship to God;
 - Knew His will and the best way to live;
 - A guide for the blind and light in darkness (see Is. 49:6)
 - Instructor and teacher
- ... *why don't you teach yourself?*
- Paul himself was this very man (see Phil. 3:4-8)

Exposing hypocrisy in questions (v.22-23)

- Stealing, adultery and stealing from temples (N.B. in 19 A.D. many Jews were expelled from Rome for swindling a wealthy Roman).
- Verse 23: *“You who brag about the law, do you dishonour God by breaking the very law that you are so proud of possessing?”*

Newton: *“Poison is seldom taken in the gross; but, if mingled with food, the mischief is not suspected until it is discovered by the effect.”*

Paul is writing to anyone who was proud of their Jewish background, and yet the principle applies more broadly: It is a terrible thing to cause God’s name to be dishonoured.

Circumcision condemns, unless a person obeys (v.25-27)

- The sign that was meant to show that someone belonged to God’s people, condemned because of disobedience

Amy Carmichael - The young boy, *“drank in the words of life – to him our Saviour’s story was wonderful and new.”*