

Order of Service

Song: O my soul, arise and bless your Maker

Prayer

Song: Breathe on me, Breath of God

Bible Reading: Luke 11:23-28, John 8:31-28 &

Romans 6:15-18

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

*"For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in
my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made." – Ps. 139:13-14.*



- Every person is precious, having been made in the image of God. May the sanctity of life be upheld from womb to natural end.
- *"Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:1-2)."* Please pray for one another to know and imitate Christ's love.

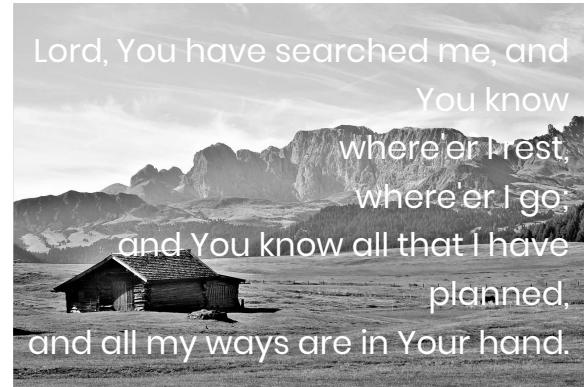
"O God, I pray that I may know you and love you so that I may find my joy in you. If I am not able to know and love you completely in this life, at least allow me to make some progress every day until the moment of completion arrives."

- Bonaventure (1221-1274)

Walcha
Presbyterian
Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



Sunday 23 August 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

Wilkins family – There are prayer cards on the table. Please pray for Ben and Antonia Wilkins, with Theodore, Cedric, Jemima and Domonic.

Fifth Sunday – next week is a combined service at the Presbyterian Church. If you are able to help with morning tea then see Chris or Sam.

God's Word:

Aug 23 – Romans 6:15-18 (We are all slaves)

Aug 30 – Romans 6:19-23 (Slaves to God)

Sept 6 – Romans 7:1-6 (we serve in the Spirit)

	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sept 6
Kids' Talk	Fiona	Alex	Graham
Door	Val	Eamon	
Morning Tea	Judy + Sue	Chris + Sam	Helen + Beulah

Romans 6:15-18... We are all slaves

*All to Jesus I surrender,
all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
in His presence daily live.*

A question: Does grace undo holiness? (v.15)

- It is a similar question to verse 1. Paul is probing, looking for holes in the gospel. Answer: *"By no means!"*
- It is grace that leads to holiness, and never to sin, so that those God justifies, He sanctifies.

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- Follow the chain: our behaviour shows our allegiance (v.16)
- We are slaves either to sin leading to death, or obedience leading to righteousness.
- John 8:34-36, *"Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.'*"

Some cases;

- *What if I don't know the moment when I was freed (i.e. became a Christian)?* What matters is that there is *now* a flame, not when the fire was lit.
- *What if I feel my sin is worse now than ever it was?* Light shows dirt that was there before more clearly. "Sin is not quite dead in the regenerate soul, but it is dying; and dying a lingering death, crucified, and so no wonder there be great fightings [within]..."
- *What if I feel my love for other is stronger than my love for the Lord?* Beware of measuring our love on feelings merely. Love for family is deeper and stronger.

You were slaves to sin, but now are slaves to righteousness (v.17-18)

- God had promised obedience from within (see Jer. 31:31; Ezek. 36:26-27). We obey God because we want to obey Him!

Doctrine and experience must go together.