

Order of Service

Song: Psalm 84

Prayer

Song: Come unto Jesus

Bible Reading: Genesis 3:17-19; Isaiah 11:1-9 &

Romans 8:18-25

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: When this passing world is done

- Obedience follows trust in God: *"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,*

"Never will I leave you;

never will I forsake you." - Hebrews 13:5

- *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."* - James 1:27

- Please pray for the Samburu believers of northern Kenya. There is a Samburu Bible translation, and eighteen churches in this area.

This is a photo from a church gathering. May the Lord bless their worship, growth in Christ and love for one another.



If I can easily discuss the shortcomings and the sins of any; if I can speak in a casual way even of a child's misdoings, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

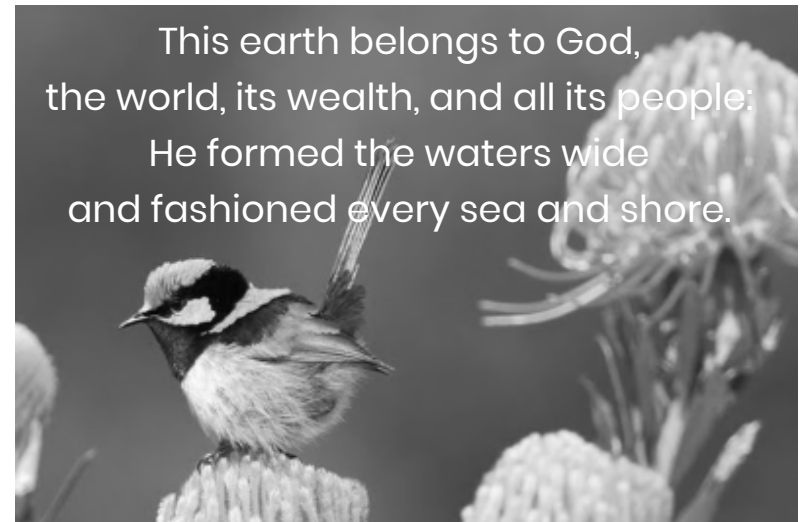
- Amy Carmichael

Walcha
Presbyterian
Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him

This earth belongs to God,
the world, its wealth, and all its people:
He formed the waters wide
and fashioned every sea and shore.



Sunday 1 November 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**

The Lord's Supper – today we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper. 1 Cor. 11:26-28, *"as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes... Let a person examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup."*

Christmas carols – save the date, Sunday 20th December...

God's Word:

Nov 1 – Romans 8:18-25 (The 'nevers' of Christ Jesus)

Nov 8 – Philippians 1:1 (Who are the saints?)

Nov 15 – Philippians 1:1 (Who are overseers?)

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15
Kids' Talk	Doug	Stuart	Fiona
Door	Val	Eamon	Cameron
Morning Tea	Helen + Beulah	Stantons	Bardens
Reading	Steph	Karyn	Val

Romans 8:18-25

Never without future hope

Verse 17: We are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if we share in His suffering...but that means pain.

Suffering without purpose is misery.

For a Christian, suffering doesn't automatically produce good in us, but when we are humble under God, there is no meaningless suffering.

An uneven comparison: suffering vs heaven (v.18)

- Verse 18: *"For I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed in us."*
- *What suffering?* Suffering with Christ (see v.17), but sufferings in general – pain, sickness, disappointment, frustration etc. – as well.
- 2 Cor 4:17-18, *"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."*

A first voice: Creation groans (v.19-22)

- Creation is waiting for God's family to finally be together!
- Creation is waiting in frustration under God's curse (Gen. 3:17-19).
- Creation will one day be set free from its decay.
- Isaiah 11: *"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat..."*

A second voice: The groaning within (v.23-25)

- Verse 23: *"we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit groan inwardly"* waiting for all that we will inherit. The presence of, and good things of the Holy Spirit in our lives is like advanced payment for what is to come.

Future hope: wait patiently!