# Order of Service

*Song: Glory be to God the Father!*

*Prayer*

*Song: Christ, our hope in life & Psalm 62*

Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 3:8-13 & Acts 6:1-7

Kids Talk

*Sermon*

*Song: The Servant-King*

- Some prayer points from Sydney and Brisbane: *"I am grateful for recent opportunities to read the Bible with my Pakistani friend. Please pray our Father would open her heart… Please pray for Afghan believers to grow in their desire to share the Good News of Jesus with others… Praise God for a small group that meets regularly around the word. Please pray for spiritual growth."*
- Please pray for Emily, and the believers of Indonesia that she is meeting. May they strengthen the ties in Christ Jesus.
- Please pray for the Gingerbread afternoon. May the Lord bless listening in ways that we cannot see.

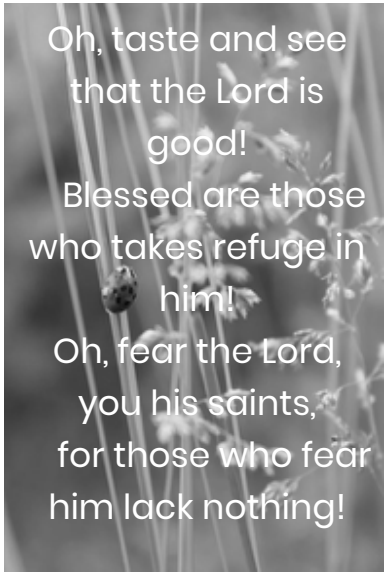
*There are other agencies in the world which can deal with many of the problems of mankind. I mean by that, things like medicine, the State, even other religions… These are all designed to help… [and] they can do good, and do much good. But none of them can deal with this fundamental, this primary trouble… to reconcile man to God."*

\- Martyn Lloyd Jones

**Walcha Presbyterian Church**

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him




**Sunday 22 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**

**Graham** - will be away next weekend.

**No combined Service –** please note, there is no combined service this month, even though there are five Sundays.

**Anglican Church picnic –** next Sunday at 12pm, at the Anglican Church.

**God's Word:**

*Nov 22 – Philippians 1:1 (Who are the deacons?)*
*Nov 29 – Gordon*
*Dec 6 – Romans 8:26-28*

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| Kids' Talk | Alex | Graham?? | Linda |
| Door | Val | Eamon | Cameron |
| Morning Tea | Jacquie + Sam | Edith + Lorna | Judy + Sue |
| Reading | John | Yvette | Steph |

# Philippians 1:1

"To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons…"

***But who are the Deacons?***

- Deacon means "servant." Elders shepherd spiritually, whilst Deacons care for peoples' needs. Deacons are not required to be "able to teach," like Overseers/Elders/Pastors are.
- A translation issue: "their wives," but it makes sense simply as "women." That is, deaconesses (see also Romans 16:1).
- Deacons were ordinarily a part of New Testament churches, the early church (e.g. the Didache), and have generally been a part of reformed churches, e.g. Presbyterian.
- Only the office of Pastor/Elder and Deacon are regulated.

**God's people necessary reflect God's heart of concern**

- "Do not reap to the edges of your fields" – Lev. 23:22
- The poor had the same access to God in the temple – Lev. 5:7
- Speak up for the dumb – Prov. 31:8
- He is father to the fatherless, protector of widows – Psalm 68:5

**Acts 6**

- The Apostles were to be devoted to prayer and God's Word.
- Why do Deacons matter? We are body and soul.
- Deacons represent Christ to the congregation in the way that they care.

**What are the biblical qualifications for Deacons?**

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| • worthy of respect<br>• sincere<br>• not indulging in much wine;<br>• not pursing dishonest gain<br>• They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.<br>• They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.<br>• In the same way, [women] are to be women worthy of respect | • not malicious talkers<br>• but temperate<br>• trustworthy in everything.<br>• A deacon must be the husband of but one wife<br>• And must manage his children and his household well.<br>• Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. |

Christ the Deacon:
**"I am among you as the one who serves"**
(Luke 22:27)."
See Rom. 15:8