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A prayer to hasten slowly in a world in a hurry

Lord of time,
all of a sudden everything has speeded up again.
After the slower, steadier pace of lockdown,
hurry sickness has set in once more.
I feel it in myself,
I sense it all around in society,
I know it in the way my congregation has approached the resumption of its life –
the re-emergence of that ever-present push,
to more, more, faster, faster.
Patient Lord –
creator of a world in six days,
gradually developing each aspect of life,
when you could have done it with one word;
redeemer of humanity,
who waits for the fullness of time to come,
before sending your Saviour;
builder of a kingdom that grows at the pace of nature,
from seed to sapling to tree,
from leaven to loaf;
help me to hasten slowly in these days.
Rather than rush back to what was before,
or hurry headlong into what everyone is saying is the new future,
give me the grace of waiting,
of walking, not running –
little by little,
moment by moment,
day by day,
letting you set my pace,
keeping in step with the Spirit's leading.
Progressively reveal your will to my heart,
the wisdom of what you have taught me to my mind,
the well-crafted lifestyle you want me to adopt in my daily existence,
the ways of God for my spiritual community and spheres of service.
Train me in timeliness,
rein in my impulsiveness,
make me mature in discerning,
not premature in deciding,
that I might better sense your presence and prompting,
your leading and guiding.
In Jesus' name.
Amen



First Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church

Sunday 13th September 2020

We warmly welcome everyone to Worship



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Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements Eddie McDowell

Praise: IPH 123 Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace.

Prayer Euel Agnew

Reading: Daniel 1: 1-10 Arlene Boyd

1: 11-21 Dessie Baker

Children's Address Eddie McDowell

Children's Praise: CMP 49 Be bold be strong

Sermon

Prayers for others

Praise: Sovereign Over Us

Benediction

Welcome back! Every member should have received an updated letter providing full details for the return to worship in the church building next Sunday 20th September. However, below is a shortened summary!

Today 13th Internet Service - Live streamed from church
Sunday 20th We welcome you back to the church building for
Morning Worship at 11.30am

It will be a bit different!

Services will be shorter family services. Kids activity packs have been delivered. Please bring these to church when you come along.

2M social distancing will limit seating capacity however there will be additional seating in the Galbraith Hall with a large screen to watch the service. Please remember to sit in your household groups.

To meet track and trace requirements we will photograph the congregation to avoid the need to sign in (this photograph will be held for 3 weeks, only for this purpose and then destroyed).

Please bring your own Bible as pews have been cleared of hymn books and bibles. There will be a Retiring offering. A face covering is not compulsory although it is encouraged. No singing – initially anyway.

Please do not come if: You have any symptoms of COVID 19 or
You are in quarantine due to contact with someone
who has tested positive for COVID19.

We understand some members will be unsure about returning to the church building and no one should feel under pressure to come. We will be continuing to provide services on the internet and CD.

Pastoral care and support. Rev McDowell & Rev Tosh are continuing to maintain contact with members primarily by phone however if you feel you would like them to call please do get in touch 9332 2578.

Prayer Ministry continues. We offer everyone an opportunity to ask for prayer whether it be for themselves, a friend or a loved one. Contact Jean Woodside Tel: 07484767751 or Email: woodside880@btinternet.com

From our Treasurer - If you are able to give to our church finances:
- post your contributions to me at 35 Rathmena Drive, Ballyclare BT39 9HZ. Please make cheques payable to First Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church (do not post cash) and remember to include your name, address or WFO Number on the back: or
- set up a Standing Order for a regular monthly payment. Please contact me on 07889348337 if you want to do so. Many Thanks, Joe Bingham.

Church Organisations

At this time none of our organisations are resuming their usual September programmes. However, we will update you when we are able to do so. This includes Sunday school, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship, Creche, Children's Church, GB, BB, PW, Bowling club and Midweek meetings.

Girls' Brigade We have been advised by Girls' Brigade headquarters that, in light of the current circumstances due to the Coronavirus epidemic, the 2020/2021 session will not commence until 2nd November at the earliest. As this date is being kept under review, we will keep you informed of the latest advice from GB headquarters and the date when the new session will commence. In the meantime thank you for your patience and we pray that you and your families will continue to keep safe and stay well.

PW - Wider World will not be published again during 2020. If circumstances allow, the aim is to produce the next edition in March 2021. Further details will follow in due course.

Newtownabbey Foodbank is extremely grateful for all your donations of food, money or time. If you could donate at least one item out of your weekly shop it would really help those who are helping the most vulnerable in our community. Please leave any **donations** in the Foodbank trolley at ASDA or Ballyclare Presbyterian Church each Thursday 2.30-5pm or Ballynure Presbyterian each Wednesday evening 6.30-7.30pm. Current items most in need include: **custard, pudding rice, coffee, cleaning products and washing powder/liquid or tablets.** However, if you wish to contribute financially then click on the link below for **Bankuet webpage which accepts donations for foodbanks and you can then specify Newtownabbey.** <https://www.bankuet.co.uk/newtownabbey/>