

FIRST LISBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

23rd AUGUST 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

Welcome to any visitors worshipping in our church today
*The flowers for today's service are a gift from **Jimmy & Helen Lynn***

Sunday 23 rd August	11am – Welcome to a short, relaxed family service led by our children and young people with Caitlin followed by food, fun and time together at 21 Aghnadarragh Road, Glenavy, Crumlin, BT29 4QQ from 12.30pm. Whether you are coming on your own, with family or bringing a friend, you will be very welcome
Tuesday 25 th August	Downtown Drop in: 2 – 4pm in the Downtown Centre
Thursday 27 th August	Congregational Committee Meeting – 7pm in the Upper Room - The Congregational Committee will meet to consider the practical life and ongoing work of First Lisburn. Together, members will discuss the responsible stewardship of our church's resources, property and finances, and how these can best support our worship, witness and mission. Please remember the Committee in your prayers, asking God to grant wisdom, unity and encouragement as members serve the congregation in this important way.
Friday 28 th August	Downtown Sunshine Group: 10.30am – 12.30pm in Downtown

Tuesday 1st September Coffee Dock starts back after the summer break from 10am – 12 noon in the Coffee Dock. Please come along and enjoy a cuppa, scones, cakes and a bit of craic.

Thursday 10th September: Kirk Session Meeting - 7pm in the Upper Room - Kirk Session will meet for prayer, reflection and discussion concerning the spiritual life, pastoral care, discipleship and mission of First Lisburn. Please remember our servant leaders in your prayers as they seek God's guidance and make decisions for the life of our congregation. Pray for wisdom, unity, discernment and a shared commitment to following Christ and serving his Church faithfully.

Monday 14th September: GB Starts Back

Tinies (age 3 - P1) - 6.15pm – 7.15pm,

Explorers (P2 – P4) - 6.15pm -7.45pm

Juniors (P5 – P7) - 6.45pm – 8.15pm

Seniors (Y8 – Y10) - 7.15pm – 8.45pm

Brigaders/Associates (Y11+) - 7.15 pm – 9pm

Please contact Gillian Methven for further info. Contact on the back page.





Wednesday 16th September: GUIDED PRAYER — WITH CHRIST 10.30am and 7.30pm in the Coffee Dock

Part One: Christian Hope Beyond Death

Join us for the first part of *All Things New*, a peaceful one hour long guided prayer journey exploring the Christian hope beyond death. Through Scripture, silence, reflection and guided prayer, we will consider the comfort of being with Christ, the grief we carry and the greater hope of the resurrection to come. There is no expectation to pray aloud. Simply come, be still and allow the promises of God's Word to strengthen your hope.

Wednesday 23rd September: IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP — SESSION ONE — 10.30am and 7.30pm in the Coffee Dock

Introduction to Ephesians

Who are we? How should we live? These are the two great questions at the heart of Paul's letter to the Ephesians—and the questions that will guide our new In Christ discipleship journey.

In our opening session, we will explore the background and central message of Ephesians. In the first half of the letter, Paul reveals our new identity and all that God has done for us in Christ. In the second, he shows us how this new identity transforms the way we live.

Through salvation, we have been united to Jesus. We are in him, he is in us, and his identity changes our identity. Come as we begin this journey together and discover how knowing who we are in Christ can bring greater security, hope and purpose to everyday life. The atmosphere is relaxed, welcoming and conversational. Come in the morning or evening and discover more of who you are in Christ.



The 'Waves of Hope' Tour features the *Logos Hope*, the world's largest floating book fair, operated by Operation Mobilisation. The ship visits Belfast from **2nd October – 21st October 2026** docking at Clarendon Dock with public access opening on 3rd October. More details are provided directly through the Operation Mobilisation Tour page and leaflets are in the vestibule.

Pastoral Care – Let's Stay Connected

In the "good old days", ministers got calls straight from hospitals about church members who were unwell. Sadly, those days are gone.

If you hear of someone in our church family who is ill or in need of a visit, please do let Mariann know.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 30th Aug	11am - Psalm 96 - Join us for a very special Sunday as we bring our summer series, <i>Summer in the Psalms: Songs for the Soul</i>, to a joyful conclusion with Psalm 96. "Sing to the Lord a new song." As we reflect on this wonderful psalm, we will be reminded of our calling to worship God, proclaim his salvation and declare his glory—not only within the church, but among the nations and through our everyday lives. During Family Time, we will also hold a special Back to School prayer and blessing for our children, young people, families, teachers and school staff as they begin a new school year and step into a new season. The service will also be an opportunity to celebrate Caitlin's time serving among us. We will give thanks for all she has brought to the life of First Lisburn, particularly through her ministry with our children and young people, and send her into her next chapter with our love, gratitude and prayers. Please come and join the whole church family for this joyful and significant Sunday of worship, thanksgiving, blessing and celebration.
Sunday 6th Sept 	10am - BREAKFAST CHURCH — VISION SUNDAY Breakfast Church returns with a very special Vision Sunday. Come from 9.30am for breakfast, conversation and time together before worship begins shortly after 10am. Our theme for 2026 is <i>Together</i>, and this morning we will look ahead to the next chapter of First Lisburn's life and witness. We will share more about our five-year plan, reflect on the opportunities God has placed before us and consider how every person can pray, participate and play their part. Please come—even if Breakfast Church is not normally your service. We need the whole church family around the table as we seek God's direction and build together. 7pm in the Church - AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP Come back in the evening for an unhurried time of praise and worship in the church sanctuary. This will be a chance to step away from the busyness of life, lift our eyes to Jesus and seek God's presence together through music, Scripture and prayer. Whether you have had a joyful week or a difficult one, come as you are. Bring a friend and join us as we make space to worship, listen and be renewed. Beginning Sunday 13th September - IN CHRIST — NEW SERMON AND DISCIPLESHIP SERIES - Who are you—beneath the roles you carry, the expectations placed upon you and the labels you give yourself? This autumn, our new In Christ series will help us rediscover the deepest and most secure answer: our identity is found in Jesus. Across six Sunday messages, we will explore what Scripture says is true of those

	who belong to Christ. Alongside the sermons, five relaxed Wednesday discipleship gatherings will begin our ten-session journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, helping us understand our union with Christ and the difference it makes to everyday life. We will continue with the remaining sessions next year. United to Christ. United in hope. Come and discover who you are in him
Sunday 13 th Sept	11am - IN CHRIST — I Am In Christ - Ephesians 1:1–14 - This Sunday we begin our new sermon series, <i>In Christ</i> , by exploring the truth at the heart of the Christian life: we are united to Jesus. In Ephesians 1, Paul describes the extraordinary blessings that belong to those who are in Christ. Our identity is no longer secured by achievement, approval or circumstance, but by what God has done for us through his Son. Come and begin this journey with us as we ask what it really means to live every day from the security, grace and hope we have in Jesus.
Sunday 20 th Sept	11am - Church Romans 1:16–17 - How can sinful people be made right with a holy God? This Sunday, our In Christ series takes us to the heart of the gospel: we are justified by faith. Our standing before God does not rest on our goodness, religious effort or ability to prove ourselves. It rests entirely on Jesus Christ and his finished work for us. This is good news for guilty consciences, tired strivers and anyone who wonders whether grace could really be enough. Come and hear again the gospel that brings freedom, peace and a completely new standing before God.

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