

FIRST LISBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

Welcome to any visitors worshipping in our church today
*The flowers for today's service are a gift from **Ros Reid***

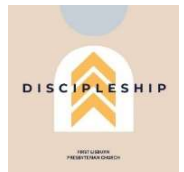
Sunday 18 th Oct	11am IN CHRIST — I AM SAFE IN CHRIST - Romans 8:31–39 -Can anything separate us from the love of God? Today, our In Christ series brings us to one of the Bible's strongest passages of assurance. Life can feel uncertain, and suffering can cause us to question where God is. Yet Romans 8 declares that those who belong to Jesus are held by a love stronger than trouble, accusation, fear, death or anything else in all creation. Be reminded that our security is not found in an easy life, but in the faithful Christ who died, rose again and intercedes for us.
Monday 19 th Oct	Welcome Club: 10.30am – 12.30pm in the Downtown Centre GB in the Main Hall, Basement and Boyd Room 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 – 8.45pm Contact details for Gillian Methven (GB Captain) are on the back page
Tuesday 20 th Oct	Coffee Dock Café: 10 – 12 noon in the Coffee Dock. Come along for some craic, coffee and scones Downtown Drop in: 2 – 4pm in the Downtown Centre
Wed 21 st Oct	IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP — SESSION THREE — 10.30am and 7.30pm Coffee Dock Safe and Confident Ephesians 1:11–23 - Where can we find lasting security in an uncertain world? In Session Three, we will discover that our confidence rests in God's unchanging purpose, the finished work of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us that those who believe the gospel are included in Christ and sealed with the promised Holy Spirit—the guarantee of the inheritance God has prepared for his people. He then prays that the eyes of our hearts would be opened so that we might know the hope to which God has called us and the immeasurable greatness of his power. This is the same power displayed when God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him above every power and authority. Come and be encouraged that your safety does not depend upon your own strength. In Christ, you are secure, filled with hope and upheld by his resurrection power.
Thursday 22 nd Oct	Downtown Choir – Doors open at 10.30am in the Vestibule. If you enjoy music, love to sing and want to have fun, this is the place for you Downtown Drop In: 2–4pm in the Downtown Centre and Boyd Room



Friday 23 rd Oct	Downtown Sunshine Group: 10.30am – 12.30pm in Downtown Young Life meets every Friday evening from 8–9.30pm for young people in school years 8–14. Expect plenty of games, food, friendship, fun and Jesus-centred Bible teaching, in a welcoming space where young people can discover more about life with Jesus. Young Life also runs midweek discipleship for teenage boys, with plans underway for a girls' discipleship group too. For more information, contact Jordan Brown at jbrown@ylinternational.org, or Rev. Mariann Gilicze on 07404 439433 or mgilicze@presbyterianireland.org.
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2nd October – 21st October: 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. Leaflets are in the vestibule.

Wednesday 4th November - IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP — SESSION FOUR - 10.30 AM and 7.30 PM | Coffee Dock: Made Alive | Ephesians 2:1–10



Ephesians 2 begins with an honest and sobering picture of the human condition: apart from Christ, we are spiritually dead and unable to rescue ourselves. Then come two of the most hope-filled words in Scripture: "But God..."

God, who is rich in mercy and great in love, has made us alive with Christ. We have been saved by grace through faith—not because of anything we have achieved, but entirely as God's gift. In Christ, we have been raised to new life and created anew for the good works God has prepared for us. In this session, we will reflect on the wonder of grace and the difference it makes to our everyday lives. Christianity is not simply an attempt to behave better; it is the new life that God gives us through union with Jesus. Come ready to rediscover the mercy that saves us, the grace that changes us and the purpose for which God has made us alive.

Thursday 12th November: KIRK SESSION MEETING – 7pm | Upper Room - Kirk Session will meet to pray, reflect and make decisions concerning the worship, pastoral care, discipleship and mission of First Lisburn. Please remember our servant leaders in your prayers. Ask God to give wisdom, unity, courage and discernment as they seek his direction and serve the congregation together.

Sunday 15th November: GB Enrolment service followed by Soup and Bread in the main hall



Election of Congregational Committee

We are now moving to the next stage of the Congregational Committee election.

Election papers will be distributed to voting members over the coming days.

Please prayerfully consider your choices and return your completed election paper to the church by Sunday 1st November.

Thank you for taking part in this important part of the life of our congregation, and please continue to pray for God's guidance throughout the election process.

Global Mission Workers: Leaflets about the different overseas mission workers are available in the Vestibule. Please take a copy for information.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 25th Oct	11am - IN CHRIST - I AM FREE -Church Romans 8:5–13 -What does Christian freedom really mean? It is not simply freedom to follow every desire but freedom from the rule of sin and freedom to live a new life through the Holy Spirit. This Sunday our In Christ series explores the contrast between a mind governed by the flesh and a mind governed by the Spirit. In Jesus, we are no longer powerless or condemned to remain as we were. God's Spirit gives us new desires, new strength & a new direction. Come and be encouraged by the transforming freedom Christ gives
Sunday 1st Nov 	10am BREAKFAST CHURCH — I AM MADE TO LOVE OTHERS: Genesis 1:26–27; 2:18–25 - Breakfast Church returns as we continue asking, Who are you? This month, we will discover that we were not made to live only for ourselves—we were made for loving relationships with God and one another. In a world where loneliness and division are painfully real, the Bible reminds us that community, friendship, family and faithful love are part of God's good design. Together we will consider how his love reshapes the way we see and treat other people. Come from 9.30am for breakfast, with worship beginning shortly after 10am. Everyone is welcome around the table. PRAYER SPACE - 7.30 PM Coffee Dock - Join us for a relaxed evening of prayer in the Coffee Dock. Together we will bring relevant issues, personal needs and prayer requests before God, while also praying for First Lisburn and the people, churches and community of Lisburn.

	Please bring any prayer requests you would value others praying for. You are welcome to contribute aloud or simply pray quietly alongside others. Come as you are, and let us seek God's help, wisdom and blessing together.
Sunday 8 th Nov	11am - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - Join us for our Remembrance Service as we pause with gratitude to remember those who served and sacrificed in times of war and conflict. We are pleased to welcome Rev Roy Mackay, retired minister of Second Comber Presbyterian Church, as our guest preacher. Together we will honour the memory of the fallen, pray for all who continue to live with the consequences of war and ask God to grant peace in our troubled world. In our remembering, we place our ultimate hope in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and the One who promises to make all things new.
Sunday 15 th Nov 	11am - GB ENROLMENT SERVICE - Join us for our Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service—an encouraging all-age celebration of the girls, young women and leaders who are part of GB at First Lisburn. Together we will worship, hear God's Word and pray for everyone taking part in the year ahead. Come and show your support, celebrate all that God is doing through this ministry and offer a warm First Lisburn welcome to the families joining us.

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