



Free Church of St Andrews

Sunday Evening – 12th January 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Simon Attwood will speak on 1 Thessalonians 1.

Psalm 16

- 8 Before me constantly
I set the LORD alone.
Because he is at my right hand
I'll not be overthrown.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad;
my tongue with joy will sing.
My body too will rest secure
in hope unwavering.
- 10 For you will not allow
my soul in death to stay,
Nor will you leave your Holy One
to see the tomb's decay.
- 11 You have made known to me
the path of life divine.
Bliss shall I know at your right hand;
joy from your face will shine.

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock...

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock...

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock...

Reading: Isaiah 44:6–11 (page 604)

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offences against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

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Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Notices

1) Baking for MYC – It would be wonderful if any of you would be willing to provide some baked goods for the coffee breaks at our student Mid-Year Conference. If you would like to make anything (by Tuesday 21st January), please contact Grace (grace@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk).

2) Hope Explored – A three-week series which provides an introduction to the Christian faith and explores the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life, starting in January. Click [here](#) to find out more and to express an interest.

3) LifeGroups – Wednesday LifeGroups will return this week (15th January) with everyone meeting at 1 Dempster Terrace for three weeks of prayer focus. Thursday LifeGroups resume on 30th January. Talk to a member of staff or send an email to church@standrewsfreechurch for more info about our regular bible studies.

4) Friday Fellowship – Our weekly women's group meets next on the morning of 17th January.

5) Lord's Supper – During the morning service next Sunday morning.

6) Evergreens – Next meeting for a social on 21st January. Venue tbc.

7) Giving – You can support the work of the church financially by electronic bank transfer, by contactless payment after the service or by clicking [here](#). Our bank details are – A/c name: St Andrews Free COS; S/c: 80-09-55; A/c no: 00295283. If you are eligible for Gift Aid, please email (treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
*Oh, precious is the flow,
that makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

For my pardon this I see,
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
for my cleansing, this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow...

Nothing can for sin atone,
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
naught of good that I have done,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow...

This is all my hope and peace,
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
this is all my righteousness,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow...

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

Reading and Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 1 (page 986)

1 Thessalonians 1

Intro: Is the gospel the best strategy for 2025?

A Church living for Christ – The gospel brings real change

A Church speaking for Christ – The gospel makes a real impact

Conclusion: Real gospel = Real believer

My heart is filled with thankfulness

to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
and clothed me in his light,
and wrote his law of righteousness
with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fear to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough
for ev'ry step I take;
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow him.

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Next week's services:

10.30am: John 4:27-42

6pm: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

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