West Moray Church of Scotland

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St Leonard's, Forres • Sunday 1st November 2026

WELCOME TO WEST MORAY

A warm welcome to morning worship at West Moray Church of Scotland here in Forres.

Whether you are here every week or visiting for the first time, we are glad you are with us.

We gather to worship God, hear His Word, pray, and encourage one another as we follow Jesus together.

Grace and Peace to you.

Please be upstanding when the Bible is brought into the sanctuary.

Any intimations to be included in the Sunday bulletin should be sent to the Session Clerk, Roy Anderson, no later than Wednesday lunchtime.

TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev Stuart Finlayson

Scripture Reader: Colin Stafford

Readings: Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3 and Matthew 5:1-12

Theme: The Story We Live In

Sermon: The People the Lamb Rescued

DURING & AFTER WORSHIP

Hymns & readings: Words are displayed on the screens. Printed copies are available on request.

Giving: Offering plates are available at the entrance vestibule and next to the kids' area in west transept.

Refreshments: Please join us after worship for tea, coffee and fellowship in the church hall.

Photography: Please ask permission before taking photographs or video during church activities and services.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY

2.30pm - The Guild in Hall

(*MacMillan Nurses – Eileen Goldsworthy*)

TUESDAY

12.00pm – Café Church in Hall

12.30-1.30 pm - Light Lunches in Hall

WEDNESDAY

12.15 pm - Prayer Time in Cabin

THURSDAY

9.45am – Man to Man in Vestry

11.00 am – Dwelling in Word in Cabin

12.30 pm - Bite & Blether Lunches in Hall

SATURDAY

10.00am – 12.00pm - Day of Prayer in Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 8th November 2026

9.30 am

(*note earlier start time*)

Annual Service of Remembrance

Rev Stuart Finlayson and local clergy

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Prayer requests may be sent in confidence to:

prayerrequest@westmoraychurchofscotland.org.uk

For pastoral support, speak to a member of the ministry team after the service or contact the church during the week.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Scott Meredith from Dyke will lead this week's midweek online service.

It can be accessed from the West Moray website:

www.westmoraychurchofscotland.org.uk

or visit our Facebook page - West Moray Church of Scotland.

It is also available on YouTube.

Call to Worship: Psalm 100: 1-5

[1] Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
[2] Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
[3] Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
[4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
[5] For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Bible comes into the sanctuary

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship *(see on left)*

CH4 478: Behold the amazing gift of love

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Setting the Scene

GWA 215: O God of creation, we saw all around us

Scripture Readings

Revelation 7: 9-17 (NIV Pg.1238)

1 John 3:1-3 (*NIV Pg.1226*)

Matthew: 5:1-12 (NIV Pg.968)

CH4 466: Before the throne of God above

Sermon

GWA 214: God and money

*The Offering is brought to the table during the singing of the **Doxology (CH4 807**)*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

CH4 352: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Benediction

Amens (**CH4 822**)

Aaronic Blessing (**GWA 85**)

Bible exits the sanctuary

LATEST NEWS

- Our annual **Service of Remembrance** takes place next Sunday – please note the earlier start time of **9.30am**. The service will be led by our Minister assisted by other local clergy. It will be attended by representatives of the Royal British Legion, the 39th Engineer Regiment at Kinloss, uniformed and youth organisations and local dignitaries. Following the service at 10.20pm the parade will form at the front of the church and process down the High St to the War Memorial where a two-minute silence will be observed at 11.00am.
- The annual **Guild Service** will be held on **Sunday 15th November** with representatives of the Guild taking part in the service.

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