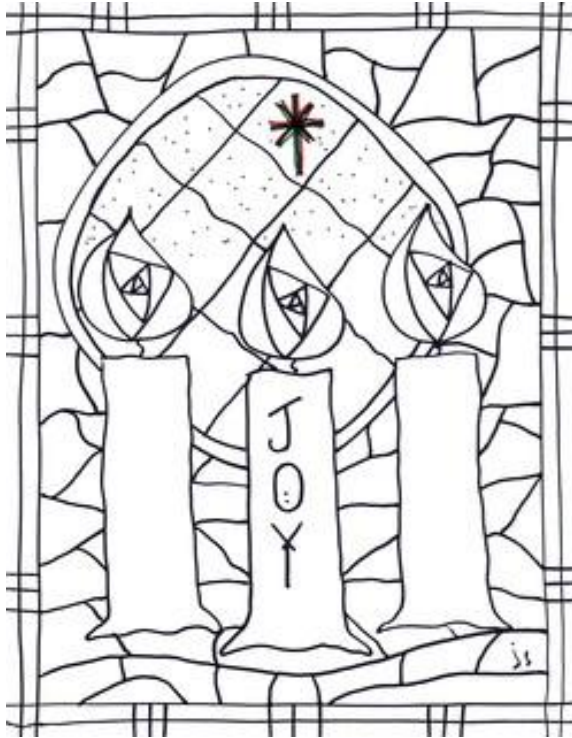


Bellshill: Central Parish Church

Sunday 14th December 2025 at 11am



Third Sunday of Advent

**We hope you enjoy worshipping God with us and feel at home in
our Christian community.**

Worship is led by Rev Margaret ES Rose, BD.

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Order for Worship

Please stand as the Bible is placed in the pulpit

INTROIT

Veni Emmanuel

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship

HYMN 277

**Hark the glad sound the
saviour comes**

Opening Prayers

ADVENT CANDLES *with*
In the bleak mid winter

ALL AGE WORSHIP

HYMN (GWA)

We are a people of hope

READINGS:

Isaiah 35:1-10,
James 5:7-10,
Matthew 11:2-11

HYMN 290

**The race that long in darkness
pined**

SERMON

HYMN 189

**Be still for the presence of the
Lord**

Offering and Dedication

HYMN 19

**Ye gates, lift up your heads on
high**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY
COMMUNION

including Prayers for Others

HYMN 286

**Tell out my soul, the greatness
of the Lord**

Benediction and Three-fold
Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is removed from the pulpit

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT BELLSHILL: CENTRAL PARISH

CHURCH whether you are here in person or online, you're here every week, are here for the first time or the first time in a long time, we bid you a very warm welcome. We livestream via www.youtube.com/bellshillchurch

PULPIT SUPPLY – Today Rev Margaret, next week Choir (Carol Service)

READERS – Today: Sheena Bowman; and next week: Cathie Bryden with Cerys McArthur.

COMMUNION takes place this morning. All who love the Lord are invited to the Sacrament. Retiring offering at the close of worship.

CHURCH FLOWERS today are gifted by June Cook in memory of her mum. If you would like to make a monetary donation just pop it in the offering marked "Flower fund". If you'd like to contribute flowers, see Susan.

SELECTION BOX APPEAL is looking for your generous donations. This year we hope to give to the very youngest and the oldest in our community. We had 117 at the end of last week 😊. **Today is the last day for donations.**

PRAYER BOOK is at the front door of the Church, please write any names or situations that need prayer. **ONLINE PRAYER** – 7:30pm tomorrow by zoom.

CAROL SINGING – Monday Beechwood Care Home Wishaw at 2pm
Friday Hattonlea Care Home at 2:30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday 7pm. (last of 2025)

THANK YOU to those who supported the Big Christmas Sing. We raised over £140 for Hope for Autism. Thank you to those who served and tidied up.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at 7pm (Wed 24th) with the Young Church all age nativity service. Followed by Mince pies in the hall. Please invite your neighbours and family along.

REQUESTS – Alan is happy to have a talk with you to play a requested piece of music or slot in a favourite hymn, raising funds for the Church. Please listen out for "Amazing Grace" for June Cook's mum.

ONC DONATIONS – There is a box in the vestibule if you want to drop off non-perishable food stuffs for the Neighbourhood Centre.

OFFERINGS – if you wish to change to bank transfer speak to June or Zandra. **GIFT AID**, if you're a UK taxpayer, we can claim back 25p for every £1 you donate. Please see June for more info to take part.

PASTORAL ISSUES – Rev Margaret is available for pastoral visits, visiting those ill at Home or in hospital, and is happy to arrange home Communion. Please contact Margaret via minister@bellshillcentral.church or telephone 01357 671 664 (please don't text).

PRAYERS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN – please continue to uphold our office bearers as we discern our way through this process and how our congregation can continue to reach out into Bellshill.

If you wish to become a member of our church family by profession of faith, or by transfer from another congregation, please see Stanley Cook.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY – Joy is the theme of the third week. Even in difficult times, the coming of Jesus fills us with gladness. Advent invites us to rejoice, knowing that God's love is with us always.

GROUP RE-START DATES 2026

Mon 5th Jan – Guild (Lunch)

Mon 12 Jan – Online Prayers

Tues 13 Jan – Rainbows

Wed 14 Jan – Bowls & Choir

Thurs 15 Jan – Brownies

Thurs 15 Jan – The Guides

Fri 16 Jan – Open Church

Mon 19 Jan – Hope for Autism

Wed 21 Jan – Hope for Autism

Fri 30 Jan – Friday Walkers

| | DOOR/OFFERING | FLOWERS | COUNT |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 14/12/25 | Liz Morton Sheena Bowman | Peggy Walker Annette Mather | Donis Hudson Lorna Watson |
| 21/12/25 | Bobby Walker Hugh Ainsley | Lesley Marshall June Cook | June Cook Stan Cook |
| 24/12/25 | Ian Gibb Lorna Watson | n/a | Lesley Marshall Sheena McKeown |

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