

Woodside Avenue Methodist Church
13th September 2020
Order of Service
(Rev Richard Wilde)

Welcome

Hymn StF 499 "Great God you love has called us here..."

Psalm 71 (with refrain)

Opening prayers

Readings: Romans 14: 1 – 12, Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Hymn StF 424 "God forgave my sin..."

Sermon

Prayers of intercession and the Lord's Prayer

The Peace

Hymn StF 565 "Only by grace can we enter..."

Communion

Hymn StF 391 "O breath of life.."

Concluding prayer and Grace

Prayers

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought and word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy,

forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Amen. Thanks be to God

We pray for others:

On the 13th day in the month we remember our partner churches in Cuba, The Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. Countries that hear little of in our mainstream news media because they are not in any sort of a crisis. But life there for many is tough and the shadow of the USA for good and for ill is ever present. Bishop Ricardo Pereira Diaz writes "*We give thanks for the steady growth that the Methodist Church in Cuba has experienced in the last 20 years; for the impact the Church is having on society, changing the lives of atheists, communists and those who believe in witchcraft; for the support the Methodist Church in Britain provides*" Puerto Rico is still rebuilding after the 2017 hurricane. Here we pray for the Darlington District including their ministry to women and men at Catterick, the largest British Army garrison in the world. The Methodist Church also works among Asylum Seekers and many in need in the district.

We pray for the congregation gathering for worship at Woodside this morning and for those joining us live and recorded on-line.

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