



*St Paul's*  
**United  
Reformed  
Church**

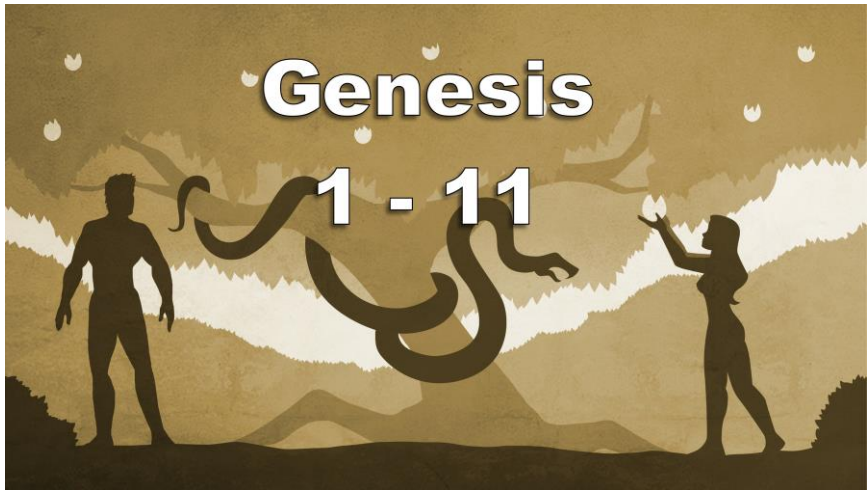
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# Order of Service

*Sunday 23rd October 2022*



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Today's service is being led by: **Albert and Elizabeth Wood**  
The Organ is played by: **John Hankin**

## It is a joy to welcome you to this service!

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join regularly with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see [www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us all of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in at the start of worship, and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

*We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.*

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## Welcome & Notices

### Lighting the peace candle

### Call to Worship:

**Hymn:** 39 All Creatures of our God and King vs 1,2,3,7

### Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**Bible reading:** Genesis 3: 1-7

### The First Sin and Its Punishment

**3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’ ” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,<sup>[a]</sup> knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Talk: Oh! So tempting!**

**Hymn:** Bless the Lord, O my soul (ten thousand reasons)

*Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.  
*Refrain*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
*Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:  
Ten thousand years and then forever more!  
*Refrain.*

*I'll worship Your holy name.  
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.*

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## Junior church prayer

The children leave for their activities

**Bible reading:** Genesis 6: 9-14 & 11: 1-4

### Noah Pleases God

<sup>9</sup> These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup> And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup> Make yourself an ark of cypress<sup>[a]</sup> wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

### The Tower of Babel

<sup>11</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as they migrated from the east,<sup>[a]</sup> they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

**Sermon:** Sin marches on

**Hymn:** 492 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind vs 1,2,5,6

**Offertory and Prayer of dedication**

**Confession and prayers of intercession**

**Bible reading:** Genesis 12: 1-3 and Galatians 3: 6-8

## **The Call of Abram**

**12** Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”<sup>l</sup>

<sup>6</sup>Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” <sup>7</sup>so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the scripture, foreseeing that God would reckon as righteous the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the gentiles shall be blessed in you.”

**Hymn:** 573 God is working his purpose out

**Sermon:** The rescue plan

**Hymn:** 38 Thou whose almighty word

**Final Prayer and the grace**

# WELCOME TO *Warm Space*

at St Paul's United Reformed Church  
Croham Park Avenue, CR2 7HF.

Thursdays from 3.30pm - 6.30pm and every Thursday from  
October 20<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023.

For families, single people, working people, older and younger.  
Children aged up to 14 with a parent/carer or 14-17.

Hot drinks, games, crafts, opportunities to chat in the warm, plug  
in your laptop, work or do homework. Family suitable films  
available on some occasions.

Light hot supper available from 5.30pm.

Please register your wish to come at either 07971068887 or  
[secretary@stpaulsurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stpaulsurc.org.uk) by 12 noon on the Thursday as places  
have to be limited to 12 per session.



***We extend a very warm welcome to you!***

**Prayer Time Fridays at 6-6.30pm** 'Zoom' ID: 845 5391 2820.

*Also open to pray for peace – Tuesdays 12-1pm Thursdays 5-6pm*

*WarmSpace open to all on Thursdays 3.30-6.30pm*

**Tuesday Guild meeting – craft and natter from 10.30-11.30**

**Pauline magazine copy date is next Sunday** – please submit items before then if possible to Pat via [patgo123@aol.com](mailto:patgo123@aol.com) . issue date 6<sup>th</sup> November we hope.

**Card and Craft sale – 12th November 10-1pm** – please publicise this to friends family neighbours, etc - extra stallholders welcome, please contact Sue or Pat GO

**Beetle Drive – Now on 12<sup>th</sup> November 7-9pm** – only £3. Tickets from Cathy Heath or Sue, if you have already got tickets from the postponed event please put this new date in the diary. Raising funds and donations for the showbox appeal.

**Book Club in November** will be meeting at Coach House Café Coombe Woods from 12.30 -2pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss *Strait is the Gate* by Andre Gide

**Next Sunday** – Martin is back from his retreat in Iona

*For future events and activities please see our website*

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