



## Circuit Contact

Welcome to our Circuit Worship for

25<sup>th</sup> October 2026 Prepared by Ms Gillian Meredith

### **Worship in the following locations:**

Wellspring Methodist Church, Cheadle- At 10:30am - Rev Julie Hassall - Holy Communion

Endon Methodist Church - At 10:00am - With Ms Heather Hayward

Ipstones Methodist Church - At 10:30am - Local Arrangement

Rudyard Methodist Church - At 11:00am -Local Arrangement

The Gathering At St Andrews, Cheddleton - At 16:00pm

Trinity Church, Leek - At 10:30am - Local Arrangement

Waterhouses Methodist Church - At 18:30pm - With Rev Julie Hassall - Holy Communion

Wetley Rocks Methodist Church - At 10:30am - With Ms Gill Meredith - Holy Communion



Sit quietly for a moment, think about the things that you've done during the past week, those things that you have enjoyed, those things that you have finally finished, and those things that are still dragging on, things that you desperately want to be over or things that you keep on putting off. Perhaps you're waiting for a hospital appointment, or the results of tests, or an operation; maybe you're looking forward to a holiday or meeting with family or friends. Hold them all before God, trusting that he is always with you & knows your joys & concerns, that he has your future in his hands.

Reading Deuteronomy 34, 1-5 [Deuteronomy 34, 1-5 MSG - The Death of Moses - Moses climbed from - Bible Gateway](#)

We all have those things that we think that only we can do -until we can't. Although I don't consider myself old, I have realised that there are some day to day things that I used to do very easily that have become quite tricky; I have to find one of those special tools to open jars and bottles, I need to open the car door extra wide to get out without hurting my back & carrying my grandchildren upstairs is not as safe as it used to be, because I need to hold on to the handrail!

& then there are the longer-term projects. It's a popular thing now to make a "bucket list" of things to do, usually before hitting a certain age – I think that some people would have to live longer than Moses' 120 years to achieve theirs! We all have plans, even though some look impossible.

God had told Moses that he would lead the Israelite slaves to a land of "milk & honey" &, after years of travelling, here he is, at the end of his life, with Moses only able to see that land from the mountain top. I wonder how he felt when he realised that he would never achieve that goal. Had all his efforts come to nothing? Did he regret that it looked as if he'd failed in his task? Did he wish that he'd never accepted God's challenge in the first place?

Well, maybe it looked like a failure, but there were people to continue the task that he'd started. They did get there in the end! When you think about, it's often the case that the person who has that great idea, who launches an ambitious project, isn't the person to see it to its conclusion. They have the dream, they have the drive to get it going, but they can only light the touch-paper and rely on others to carry it forward.

It's very tempting to look back with regret, to remember how it was, how, if only we, or someone else, had done something different, things would have been better and we would have succeeded, to look at where we are now and wish things had turned out differently; to look to the time that we still have left with dread or disappointment – to feel as if we've not achieved as much as we ought to have, that we've failed.

But God is with us, here & now, helping us to make the right choices, to accept what we have done in the past (and to forgive us when necessary) and to show us the way to the future.

The Serenity prayer has been commonly used since the 1930s, although its sentiments go back much further: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference".

And there are some things we know need to change, things that even though we know we personally may not achieve success, we can at least start to do, like Moses, accepting that, if they really are God's will, someone will take up the challenge.

What matters is that our lives are modelled on Christ's and that we are working, with his help, towards the coming of his Kingdom, and that he is always with us, showing us the way, if only we seek his guidance. May our future lives be filled, not with regrets, but with hope and trust in our loving, caring God who is always with us.

Music

StF 478 Thank you, O God, for the time that is now [Thankyou O God for the time that is now \(Fred Kaan\) - YouTube](#)

Prayer

Lord God

I want to do what is right to help to build your kingdom here and now, but sometimes I'm confused about how best to do that. Sometimes I think I know the way, but it seems too difficult, beyond what I can do, I feel overwhelmed. Sometimes my attempts don't seem to work, and I feel that I have failed and let you down. Sometimes I'm too afraid to try.

Help me to remember that you are always with me, helping me, forgiving me when I fail. Encourage me when I am getting it right but doubt my abilities and make me brave to do your will.

Amen

The Lord's 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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

May God, the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, be with you during the coming week, helping you to live to his praise and glory. Amen