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### Free Presbyterian Protest disrupts service for (so called) Ecumenical Christian Unity in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh.

(A report compiled by Rev Paul Hanna, minister of Mt Merrion FPC, Thursday 23rd January 2020 )

'Father' Tony Currer (a Roman Catholic priest appointed by the Vatican to promote relations between main-stream Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic church within the UK) was due to be the keynote preacher at an Ecumenical gathering held last night (Wednesday) in the Church of Ireland Cathedral in the ecclesiastical capitol of Ireland – Armagh City.

The 'wrecked and derelict boat' is a fitting symbol of the 'Ecumenical Movement' which is doomed to utter failure because it is not of God

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,  
ARMAGH



Annual Service in  
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**'Unusual Kindness'**

**The Preacher: Fr Tony Currer**

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at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity  
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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.



A group of Free Presbyterian ministers, who had been informed that the meeting was due to take place, had made their way to the Cathedral in order to stage a protest and voice their opposition and concern to the inclusion of a Roman Catholic priest due to take part in the service.

Immediately after an opening hymn was sung, the Dean of the Cathedral gave his welcome to all and outlined the format the meeting should follow. As soon as mention was made of the keynote speaker and his credentials – 'Fr' Tony Currer, of the Pontifical Council for promoting Christian Unity; the Rev. Daniel Henderson (minister of Moneyslane Free Presbyterian Church) began to speak from the pew.

In clear, booming cries that filled every corner of the chamber, Rev. Henderson's opening words were, "Has this Church forgotten the Protestant Reformation?!"

He then challenged all gathered with the question, "How can there be Christian unity with Rome?!" Followed by, "The Roman Catholic Church is not a Christian Church."

Rev. Henderson continued, "If you're a Christian here this evening, the Bible commands you to, "...come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing..." (II Corinthians 6:17)

He then challenged any unsaved who were in the gathering of some fifty to sixty parishioners with the words, "Rome cannot save you – only Jesus Christ can save from sin."

**Order of Service for the 'ecumenical gathering of the deceived'**

Rev. Henderson then quoted the LORD Jesus Christ as He Ministered to His disciples (in John 14:6), "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Rev. Henderson (flanked by members of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster) continued in a similar vein for approximately another 2 1/2 minutes; until the Cathedral organ was struck up at full-volume in an attempt to drown out the powerful voice of the modern day reformer with a burden for a separated witness in this day of apostasy, compromise and downgrade.

After the initial shock of a protest mounted within their own walls; Dean Gregory Dunstan made his way to the pew where the protesters stood in an attempt to contain the situation. He extended his hand to each of the men in turn with words of peace that included, "You've made your point", at which stage the band of



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ministers left the building by the front door.

Following the brief but effective protest, a time of prayer was held at the front doors of the Cathedral before dispersing sometime later.



(L to R) Rev David Creane, Rev Daniel Henderson & Mr Luke Barker.

Photo taken by Rev Paul Hanna.

We offer our sincere congratulations and thanks to these brethren for taking the fight to the enemy.

It is most refreshing to see that the spirit of protest, which is of God, (Jeremiah 11:7-8, 1 Samuel 8:7-10) is alive still within the ranks of Free Presbyterianism.

May the Lord cause it to increase and grow.