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Mission Statement

Cashmere Presbyterian Church will make the life and teachings of Jesus Christ known and will share in God's loving purposes of truth, justice, peace and wholeness for all people and the world.

Sunday 10th December 2017 2nd Sunday in Advent – Nativity Service

Preacher: Silvia Purdie

A very warm welcome to you all, whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. You are welcome whatever your age, gender, marital status, disability, poverty or wealth, race or sexuality. You are welcome whether you have a deep and mature faith in Christ; are uncertain and still seeking; or have no faith. If you are new to church, please do not hesitate to ask one of those on duty if you have any questions.

The *Family Room* is at the front left of the church, and those with younger children are welcome to use this, or to stay in the service, as they choose.

You are invited to stay for Morning Tea, which will be served in the Lounge after the service.

Order of Worship

(Congregational responses are in bold italics)
Please stand as the Bible is processed in.

Lighting the Advent Candle (Alan Simson)

Today, this second Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of joy

Come, light of the world

Open our eyes to see your glory

even when it is hidden.

Come in the little things and everyday.

Shine your joy in our hearts.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Te Harinui

1. Not on a snowy night
By star or candle light
Nor by an angel band
There came to our dear land –
Te harinui, Te harinui, Te harinui
Glad tidings of great joy.
2. But on a summer day,
Within a quiet bay,
The Maori people heard,
The great and glorious word
Te harinui, Te harinui, Te harinui
Glad tidings of great joy.
3. The people gathered round,
Upon the grassy ground,
And heard the preacher say,
“I’ll bring to you this day”
Te harinui, Te harinui, Te harinui
Glad tidings of great joy.
4. Now in this blessed land,
United heart and hand,
We praise the glorious birth,
And sing to all the earth
Te harinui, Te harinui, Te harinui
Glad tidings of great joy.

Words: Shirley Murray

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Psalm 85: See what God is doing! (*Penny*)

See what God is doing:
the promises from long ago are made new,
our brokenness and shame is over.

Wait, for God is coming!

His anger drains away and love remains

He draws us to himself and joy returns.

Hear what God is saying:

the word is ‘Peace’, Shalom

love that will never let us go

See, for God is close

salvation is very near

glory is coming to dwell in our land.

Come, for truth is bursting out -

tender love meets righteousness

and blessing flows from peace

Go out before him!

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Prayer of praise and confession

Notices

Birthdays and celebrations

Passing the Peace: We offer each other the ‘right hand of fellowship’ as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.

Those in the nativity play get ready for the play.

Carol 236: Silent night

Nativity Play: Included in the Nativity Play are verses from carols 235, 242, 221, and a new carol:

The stars danced, the angels sang (by Barbara Gillard)

The stars danced, the angels sang
the night God came to earth.

The whole vault of heaven rang
to celebrate his birth.

*We will dance, we will sing,
we will praise our heavenly King at his birth!*

Mary, his mother smiled
to see her babe new born.

Shepherds came hurrying,
left their flocks forlorn.

We will dance, we will sing ...

Wise men who saw his star,
knew their Lord was here,
came with their offerings,
incense, gold and myrrh.

We will dance, we will sing ...

We too will give to him
gifts of love and praise.

Dance for him, sing for him,
rejoice in him always.

We will dance, we will sing ...

Bible Reading: (Reader: Jenny Bailey)

Luke 2: 1-20 (p.76 NT)

Reflection

Offering

Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ will be received. As God gives to us, so let us give to God and to all those who wait for the love of God in so many ways. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley, and donations for the children's ministry and our World Vision child are in the white bowls.

Offering song: The little drummer boy

Dedication of the offering (*please stand*)

Song: Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star (*Children at the front, with stars*)

Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in sky.
Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.

Twinkle twinkle, big bright star
Shining up ahead so far
Lead the Kings from far away
To the baby on the hay.
Twinkle twinkle, big bright star
Shining up ahead so far.

Prayers for others

Sing 676: The Lord's Prayer

Closing Carol 227: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Blessing

Amen, amen, amen (sung)

*Please remain standing as the Bible is processed out.
Thank you for sharing in worship this morning. Please come through to
the hall for morning tea.*



Carol Singers

Rhodes at Cashmere are holding their carols on Thursday 14 December at 3.30pm, and we would like to have a small group of our people attend and join in with the singing.

Carols to Homes, Monday 18th December: Take the Christmas spirit to those who are unable to attend a church service. Meet at the church at 6.30pm, and from there in groups to various locations.

If you are able to help with either of these please advise Gail or Silvia.

Family Service & Barbecue - today

All are invited to stay after the service for the Barbecue and shared lunch. Sausages & bread provided; please bring a finger food contribution towards the lunch.

Healing Service will be held at 11:30am next Sunday, 17th December (and every third Sunday of the month). You are warmly invited to attend, whether you wish to pray for others or to receive prayer and anointing with oil. The service takes approximately half an hour and includes communion. If you would like further information, please speak to Anne Shave or to any member of the congregation who has attended this service.

Morning Tea

The new Morning Tea rosters will be sorted soon. If you are willing to go on to the roster, please advise either Gail, or Joan Lawson.

There is currently no one rostered on for the next three weeks – if you are able to help on 17th, 24th or 31st December, please advise Gail.

World Vision

Elvin Omar in the Nueva Vision community, has grown up now, so we have a new child to sponsor. Vory lives in Chi Kreng, in Cambodia.

In Chi Kreng the local ponds and wells do not contain clean water and children are getting sick and are unable to attend school. World Vision have been partnering with them since 2010, and are working to provide more clean water points around the community and in schools so children can drink clean water at school. They are also working with local health clinics to improve parent's knowledge of how to treat diarrhea so children can recover faster.

The World Vision partnership with the Chi Kreng Community is envisaged to continue until 2024 when the programmes of work will have delivered the skills and knowledge to partner communities to continue their own development.

Find out more at: <https://www.worldvision.org.nz/locations/asia/chi-kreng>

Handel's Messiah will be presented by CBS Music in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester Street, on **Sunday December 10**, at 2 pm. Soloists will be Elizabeth Emeleus, Louisa Pilkington, Theo Moolenaar, Wally Enright, Ken Joblin and Chris Whelan. The Cathedral Orchestra will be led by Natalia Lomeiko, with continuo accompaniment by Ellen Doyle and Barry Brinson. Don Whelan will direct. Admission is by programme donation of \$20 and \$15, available at the door.

Mission Birthday Gift

The Mission Birthday Gift, run by APW, is an opportunity for you, on your birthday, to make a monetary donation in appreciation of being alive and enjoying your birthday and – hopefully – having many more! At the end of September each year the money is allocated to various areas of our national church's work, such as Global Mission, and to projects overseas and in New Zealand. If you would like to know more, please speak to Judith Harrington.

Alpine Presbytery Weekly Newsletter: a copy of the newsletter is placed on the notice board each week. If you would like to subscribe to receive this directly by email, please let Gail know.

Retirement of Alan Missen: Members of the Alpine Presbytery are invited to Rev Alan Missen's final service as Minister of John Knox, Rangiora, on Sunday 17 December 2017, before he retires after almost ten years in the Parish. The Service will start at 10am, and will be followed by a special morning tea. If you are unable to attend but want to send a message of congratulations to Alan, please feel free to send it through the Parish Clerk, Annette Paterson, at ae.paterson@xtra.co.nz

Kids Friendly seeking new team member: The full-time Kids Friendly Coach resigned to take up another role. At the same time, the Council of Assembly is looking at how the functions of national staff serve our Presbyteries now and into the future. While they undertake that, it is important that the ministry of Kids Friendly continues. A one year fixed term Administrative Assistant position at 20 hours per week is available, starting in mid-January 2018, to work with the part-time Acting Kids Friendly Coach, Rev. Robin Humphreys. More details on the Newsletter on the notice board.



Tuesday 12 December	9.30am Quilts & Bits Craft morning
Wednesday 13 December	4.00pm Children's Christmas Choir
Thursday 14 December	10.00am Pre-school music

CHURCH ROSTERS

	This week – 10 December	Next week – 17 December
Door Duty	Warren Campbell Andrea Campbell Ian Gray	Rouie Swan Jill McAra Tony Waters
Offerings Counting	Warren Campbell Andrea Campbell	Tony Waters Colin Reid
Morning Tea	Judith & Brian Irwin	
Filter coffee	Ngaere Brownlie	Rouie Swan
Bible Reading	Jenny Bailey	(Choir Service)
Candle Lighting	Alan Simson	Cecile Pierce
Food Trolley	Ian Shaw	Lorraine Murphy



A Christmas Journey

Sunday 10th December, 4pm

at Living Springs Farm Park

Walk through the Christmas story with Mary & Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem (undercover if wet).

Bring a picnic for the end of the journey.

Donations appreciated