



“The Stone Church on the Hill”

Mission Statement

To worship God, follow Christ,
transforming the world in the
power of the Spirit

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Sunday 27th November 2022
1st Sunday in Advent

Theme: Walking in the Light of the Lord
Preacher: Hamish Galloway



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.

Children are welcome to sit anywhere in the church, but if they wish to be more active then there are a selection of toys and books at the very back, and also in the Family Room (door between the organ & piano).

There will be **Sunday School and children's activities** today, led by Janice, for those that wish to participate.

You are invited to stay for morning tea after the service.

Whilst Masks are no longer *required*, we ask you to please respect the decisions of others with regard to whether or not they wear one.

Order of Worship

*Congregational responses are in bold italics
Please stand as the Bible is processed in*

Lighting the Fellowship Candle (*Elizabeth Taggart*)

Welcome to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope.

(Don and Elizabeth Cho)

Song: Light one candle for hope

Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
he brings hope to every heart.
He comes! He Comes!

Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

Let us pray:

Faithful God,
out of war's chaos,
you bring the order of peace.

Renew us in hope,
that we may work toward
Christ's advent of peace
among all nations.

**God of promise, God of hope,
into our darkness come.**

Hymn 200: Come, thou long expected Jesus

Prayers of Praise and Confession interspersed with the following Taizé chant:

CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

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Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Congregation: Parts

WORDS: Jacques Berthier (Ps. 27:14)
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier

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WAIT FOR THE LORD
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Notices

Passing the Peace

We offer each other the 'right hand of fellowship' as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.

Children come to the front

All-age time

Song: This little light of mine

*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine*

1. All around the neighbourhood
I'm going to let it shine
All around the neighbourhood
I'm going to let it shine
All around the neighbourhood
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time,
let it shine.

2. Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time,
let it shine.

Readings (Reader: Annette McAdam)

Romans 13.11-14 (p.202 NT)

Matthew 24.36-44 (p.36 NT)

Sermon: Walking in the Light of the Lord

Hymn 193: O Come, o come Emmanuel

Prayers for others

We will sing the Lord's Prayer (WOW 676)

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.

Offertory

Dedication of the offering (please stand)

Hymn 669: I am the Light of the World

Benediction

Amen, amen, amen (sung)

Please remain standing as the Bible is processed out.

Following the service, we will remain in the church for a short Congregational Meeting.

*Thank you for sharing in worship this morning.
Please come through to the hall for morning tea.*

Music for Worship - St Andrew's Day; Advent 1; 28 November, 2022

Preludes: Sutherland's Law, Hamish McCunn.

A Dhòmhuill Bhig O Hù O Hù Arr. A Moffat.
Dance Lente. Cesar Franck.

Processional: How shall I fitly meet Thee. Christmas Oratorio, JS Bach
How shall I fully meet Thee, and give Thee welcome due?
The nations long to greet Thee, and I would greet Thee too.
O Fount of Light shine brightly upon my darkened heart,
that I may serve Thee rightly, and know Thee as Thou art.

Offertory: Jesus, priceless treasure. Arr J.G. Walther.

Postlude: Helmsley. Postlude. Arr. James Vivian.
Lo He comes with clouds descending.



The Parish Council would like to nominate Elisabeth Cooch for ordination as an elder. We do this in recognition of the faith and the gifts that Elisabeth has and the roles that Elisabeth has had in this church, especially in her previous role as convenor of Pastoral Care. There will be a short congregational meeting after today's service when this will be put to the congregation for approval. The induction would then take place on Sunday 4th December.

Fundraising concert - Today at 4.30pm: This concert, organised by Ira, is a fundraiser for a school/education project in Zimbabwe for a charity that she is involved with. Entry by koha, with all proceeds going to the Advivia Zimbabwe project.

Bible readings for Advent: Daily Bible readings for Advent are included in this bulletin. Perhaps you might like to commit to reading just one or two of the daily readings each day until Christmas?

Parish retreat day: Saturday 3rd December, 9am – 3pm, at ACTS School (the former Greenpark Primary School, not far from Lincoln). Please come and enjoy a day with a mixture of discussion and time for quiet reflection. Cost \$20. Lunch is provided. Thank you to those who have already contacted Anne Shave to register interest in attending. If you would like to do so, please email: shavea6@gmail.com. Please speak to Niki Davis if you would like to share transport.

Cashmere/Colombo/Centaurus/Dyers Intersection Improvements: The Council has safety and bus stop location proposals for this very busy intersection that are open for feedback until Wednesday 14 December. To read more, answer a short

questionnaire, and supply any further feedback: [Cashmere, Colombo, Dyers Pass intersection improvements : Christchurch City Council \(ccc.govt.nz\)](http://Cashmere, Colombo, Dyers Pass intersection improvements : Christchurch City Council (ccc.govt.nz))

The Alpine Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is on the notice board in the foyer. Speak to Gail if you would like to subscribe to receive it directly.

Dates to note for December

Saturday 3 rd December	9am-3pm	Advent Retreat Day at Acts School
Sunday 4 th December	10am	Christmas Communion Service
Sunday 11 th December	10am	Children's Nativity Service and shared lunch
Sunday 18 th December	10am	Service of Christmas Music
	6pm	Carols in the Garden
Tuesday 20 th December		Singing Christmas Carols at rest & private homes, followed by supper at Anne Shave's.
Saturday 24 th December	9am-6pm	Church open throughout the day for prayer and remembrance.
	11.30pm	Midnight Watch Candlelight service
Sunday 25 th December	9.30am	Christmas Day Family Service



Tuesday 29 November	9.00am	Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
	11.00am	Forum in Rata Lounge
Thursday 1 December	10.00am	Pre-School Music
Sunday 4 December	10.00am	Communion Service

Church Rosters	This week: 27 th November	Next week: 4 th December
Door Duty	Cecile Pierce, Sue Leadbetter, Margaret Ford	Robin McKee, Cath Dale, Jill McAra
Morning Tea & Coffee	David & Jane Kim	Murray & Patricia Heath
Bible Reading	Annette McAdam	Richard Leete
Candle Lighting	Elizabeth Taggart	Kathleen Anderson
Food Trolley	Ann Jennings	Jill McAra
Money Counting (Monday)	Rouie Swan	Kathleen Anderson

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

4 December	Hamish Galloway
11 December	David Coster, with Janice Lee
18 December	Christmas Music Service
24 December	Christmas Eve – David Coster
25 December	Christmas Day – Hamish Galloway

Generous Giving

Cashmere Presbyterian depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact the Parish Office. Our Bank Account for donations is: BNZ 020800-0181604-01