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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 16th December 2018

3rd Sunday in Advent

Theme: Carol Service

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.

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.

Carol 212: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices

Lighting the Advent Candles: Joy

(Cecile Pierce)

Come, light of the world,

come live in our hearts,

come move in-between us,

come shine in the darkness.

Our first candle shines for hope.

Our second candle shines for peace

This candle shines for joy,

for joy is needed now in our world.

Joy is a blessing and joy is a gift,

a gift of the Christ child, born in the night.

Come, light of the world,

be our joy, we pray.

Candle song

1. Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
Christ brings hope to every heart;
he comes, he comes.
2. Light one candle for peace,
one bright candle for peace.
Christ brings peace to all the world;
he comes, he comes.
3. Light one candle for joy,
one bright candle for joy.
Christ brings joy to every home;
he comes, he comes.

A Christmas Psalm: based on Psalm 96 (*Leader: Paige*)

Sing a new song to the Lord

All the earth, sing!

All you people, sing!

See God's glory, it is coming!

Tell of God's salvation, it is coming into the world!

Speak of greatness, strength to overcome.

Come out to meet the Lord, proclaiming his name.

Come into his holy place and tremble.

All the earth, tremble in wonder.

All the galaxies, rejoice in praise!

All the oceans and all that lives in the sea – sing for joy!

All the fields and forests and all that lives on the land – shout for joy!

For the Lord is coming -

he is coming to make everything new,

he is coming to put things right.

Rejoice for the Lord is coming ...

But will we see him, born in a manger?

Will we proclaim him, son of Mary?

Will we welcome him, this stranger in a strange land?

Will we honour him, this unexpected judge of the world?

Lord God, we see you, born in a manger.

Lord Jesus, we proclaim you, son of God and son of man.

Loving God, we welcome you; come make your home among us.

Lord Jesus, we honour you and praise you and choose again to follow.

Amen.

Silent prayer

We pause for a moment of quiet prayer.

Carol: Come now Lord Jesus (*remain seated*)

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| 1. Come now, Lord Jesus
enter our Christmas,
be to us no stranger
in this new-made manger. | 3. Come, cold and crying,
comfort denying,
no place to receive you,
few yet to believe you. |
| 2. Come, small and human,
born of a woman,
yet a Son much greater
of our own Creator. | 4. Come poor and simple,
our flesh your temple,
in your body feeling
hurt as well as healing. |
| 5. Come gift and token,
bread to be broken -
star and sign still point you,
myrrh will yet anoint you. | |

Shirley Murray

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Farewell to Paige Wilke

Notices

Passing the Peace

Carol 222: The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 (p.74 NT)

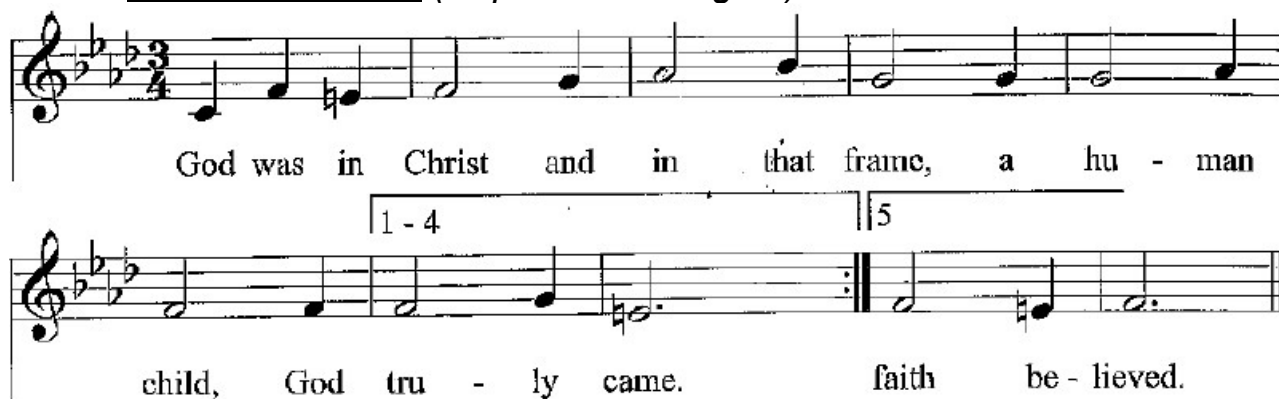
Reader: Robin McKee

Poem: 'O Emmanuel' (*written by Malcolm Guite*)

Reader: Anne Shave

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us,
O long-sought with-ness for a world without,
O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.
Come to us Wisdom, come unspoken Name,
Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,
O quickened little wick so tightly curled,
Be folded with us into time and place,
Unfold for us the mystery of grace
And make a womb of all this wounded world.
O heart of heaven beating in the earth,
O tiny hope within our hopelessness,
Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,
To touch a dying world with new-made hands
And make these rags of time our swaddling bands.

Carol: God was in Christ (*Hope is our Song* 49)



1. God was in Christ
and in that frame,
a human child,
God truly came.
2. In us is held
all that God is –
the will to good,
the well of peace.
3. The spark to fire
the shape of stars,
the shout of joy
and passion's scars.
4. That child is born
time after time:
in each of us
God dreams a dream.
5. God is in us,
by love conceived,
in struggle born,
in faith believed.

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Reading: Luke 1:67-75 (p.75 NT)

Reader: Tim Emerson

Christmas Message

Silvia Purdie

Offering

Prayer for the offering

In our song and with our words

we give you thanks, O Lord.

In our touch and with our actions

we give you thanks, O Lord.

In our hearts - be born in us -

we lift up praise, O Lord.

In our giving and receiving

come bring your joy, O Lord.

In the manger and in our every-days

come be with us, O Lord. Amen.

Carol: Peace, peace to the world (*Hope is our Song 114*)

1. Peace, peace to the world!
the time for peace will come.
Peace, peace to the world!
The time for peace will come.
And all the bells will ring again -
good news, good news they'll bring again -
and all the people sing again:
"The time for peace has come!
The time for peace has come, has come,
the time for peace has come!"
2. Peace, peace to the world!
The power of fear will go.
Peace, peace to the world!
The power of fear will go.
And kindness, trust and honesty
must conquer greed and cruelty
and sadness, pain and poverty:
The power of fear must go!
The power of fear must go, must go,
the power of fear must go!
3. Peace, peace to the world!
The reign of love will come.
Peace, peace to the world!
The reign of love will come
when all the bells on earth declare
to all God's creatures everywhere
that move through land and sea and air:
"The reign on love has come!
The reign of love has come, has come,
the reign of love has come!"

Willow Macky
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Prayers for others

Carol 225: Infant holy (*remain seated*)

Reading: Isaiah 52:7-12 (p.716 OT) *Reader: David Troughton*

Carol 242: Joy to the World

Blessing

Amen, amen



Healing Service, with Communion, today at 11.30am.

Used Stamps are collected by PWANZ, and the funds raised are used for Mission work. If you have used stamps to donate, they can be left at the church office, or given directly to Judith Harrington.

World Vision Sponsorship: A total of \$90.90 was collected at the Family Service last week for Vory, our World Vision child, and for work with the children in the church. Thank you for giving so generously.

Pastoral Care & Hospital Visiting: As we do not always hear when someone is sick or has gone into hospital, we may miss out on visiting them. Elisabeth Cooch, Convenor of the Pastoral Committee (ph. 332 1272), asks that you tell her, or Silvia, or Gail in the office, if you know of anyone in this situation.

Christmas Eve Service – Volunteers needed

We still need volunteers for the Christmas Eve service for *Door Duty, Candle Lighting, Bible Reading*. Please let Gail know if you would be available.

Church Rosters	This week – 16th December	Next week – 23rd December
Door Duty	Annette McAdam, Colin Reid, Ann Jennings	Jane & David Kim, Margaret Ford
Offerings counting	Graham Cook, Colin Reid	Peter Nelson, Jay Lee
Morning Tea	Patricia & Murray Heath	Annette McAdam & Cecile Pierce
Filter coffee	Shirley Wilson	Helen Leadbetter
Bible Reading	Robin McKee	Janice Lee
Candle Lighting	Helen Leadbetter	Annette McAdam
Food Trolley	Annette McAdam	Helen Matthews

*Christmas
in Cashmere*

CAROLS IN THE GARDEN - TODAY

Sunday 16 December @ 5pm
In the grounds of 1 Macmillan Ave.
Sing-along community picnic;
free sausage sizzle & kid's activities

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 23 December @ 10am



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIT SERVICE

Monday 24 December @ 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Tuesday 25 December @ 9.30am
Family-friendly celebration