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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 17th December 2017

3rd Sunday in Advent

Lessons and Carols

Cashmere Children's Choir, with David Troughton conducting

Theme: Be not afraid

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 (*Cecile Pierce*)

Today, this third Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of peace

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 peace in our hearts.

Amen.

Congregation Carol 237: Once in Royal David's city

(Children sing first verse, congregation sing verses 2 & 5, omitting verses 3 & 4)

Reading 1: Isaiah 61: 1-4 (p.724 OT) *(Robin McKee)*

Choir carol: Christmas is near *(written by Julie Wylie)*

Prayer

Congregation carol 243 *(remain seated):* Love came down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus,
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and others,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Notices

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

Congregation Carol 232: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

Reading 2: Luke 1: 26-33 (p.74 NT) *(Janice Lee)*

Children's carol: We're going on a journey *(written by Julie Wylie)*

Reading 3: Luke 2: 8-15 (p.76 NT) *(Alan Simson)*

Choir carol: Oh who would be a shepherd boy?

Congregation Carol 223: While Shepherds watched

Reflection: 'The opposite of happiness'

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.*

During the offering: **Choir carol:** Away in a manger

Dedication of the offering (*please stand*)

Choir carol: Peace, peace to the world! (*Written by Willow Macky*)

Congregation sing verses 2 & 3 (remain seated)

2. Peace, peace to the world!

The power of fear will go. (x2)

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. (x2)

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!"

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 a-gain, good news, good news they'll bring a-gain, and
all the peo-ple sing a-gain: 'The time for peace has come! The
time for peace has come, has come, the time for peace has
time for peace has come, has come, the time for peace has
come' come, has come, the reign of love has come!

Chord progression: Bm, Em, Bm, A7, D, A7, Bm, Em, A7, D, D, A, Bm, Em, A7, D

Prayers for others

Choir carol: Star child, earth child

(Written by Shirley Murray)

Star-Child, earth-Child, go-be-tween of God, love Child, Christ Child,
Refrain
hea-ven's light-ning rod, This year, this year, let the day ar -
rive, when Christ-mas comes for ev-ery -one, ev-ery-one a - live!

(Congregation sings verses 3...) Grown child, old child,
memory full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears

Chorus:

*This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive.*

(... and verse 5:) Hope-for-peace Child,
God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child,
star of stars that shine.

Closing Carol 224: Joy to the world

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.*



Thank you to all the participants in the Children's Choir: Angus Bowden, Anna Gibbs, Charlotte Sparks, Fifian Gao, Vivian Gao, George Gibbs, Georgie White, Katja Emerson, Louisa Emerson, Megan Searancke. And to David Troughton for organising this.

Congratulations to Leith McMurray, who this week received a Civic Award from the Christchurch City Council for her "service to the city and the people of Christchurch". This is a wonderful endorsement for the work of Aspie Help, and we celebrate with Leith and her team.

Healing Service, with communion, will be held today at 11:30am. In every act of worship, the Church celebrates the grace of God who desires wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all people. At a service of healing, we focus on that aspect of God's character. We bring to God our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world. Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death. All are welcome to attend this service.

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.

World Vision Sponsorship

A total of \$146.80 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.

Morning Tea

There is currently no one rostered on for 24th or 31st December – if you are able to help on either of those dates, please advise Gail.

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.

CHURCH ROSTERS

	This week – 17 December	Next week –24 December
Door Duty	Rouie Swan Jill McAra Tony Waters	Rosemary Troughton David Troughton Diana Lancaster
Offerings Counting	Tony Waters Colin Reid	Warren Campbell Andrea Campbell
Morning Tea		
Filter coffee	Rouie Swan	Rosemary Troughton
Bible Reading	<i>(Choir Service)</i>	Elisabeth Cooch
Candle Lighting	Cecile Pierce	Elizabeth Taggart
Food Trolley	Lorraine Murphy	



Celebrating Christmas at Cashmere

Quiet Space on Christmas Eve:
the church will be open from 11am-6pm

Christmas Eve: 10am Morning Worship
11.30pm Candlelit Service

Christmas Day: 9.30am Family-friendly celebration