

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“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 19th December 2021

Advent 4

Service of Readings and Carols & Christmas music

Preacher: David Coster

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 after the service.

Order of Worship

Please stand as the Bible is processed in.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

(Rosemary Troughton)

Call to Worship:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We sing Hymn 239:

Angels from the realms of glory

Greeting

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, with all whom you love, and all whom you pray for here this day.

And may the grace and peace of our Lord be with you also.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Solo (*Jeremy Baker*): *Recitative and Air, from Messiah, G. F. Handel.*

Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people, saith your God;
speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her,
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:
Prepare ye the way of the Lord:
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:1-3
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low,
the crooked straight and the rough places plain. Isaiah 40:4.

Scripture Reading: Luke 1 :39-45 read by Elizabeth Cooch

Choir: *Jesu, Joy of man's desiring, from Cantata 147, arr. J. S. Bach,
When Mary meets Elizabeth. Words Martin Janus, Music Johann Schop.*

1. Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy throne.
2. Through the way where hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in Thee confiding, Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own In the love of joys unknown.

We sing Hymn 109: Tell out my soul - *based on the Magnificat*

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-33 read by Richard Leete

Choir: *Angel Tidings. Moravian traditional carol, arr. John Rutter.*

In all towns and villages, both far and near,
angel host bears tidings in strain full clear:
'Joy come to ev'ry nation, Joy to this generation,
Christ is here, Christ is here.'
Listen to the story of his wond'rous birth;
how he came so long ago to us on earth;
Born of a virgin mother Blessed above all other,
Born today, born today.
In a manger lying in poverty;
peace he brings at Christmastide to you and me;
Tell of his birth that saved us, tell of the love he gave us,
Christ our Lord, Christ our Lord.
Sing then and be joyful on this Christmastide;
follow with the wise men the star so bright;
lead you to his own glory, tell out is wondrous story:
Christ is born, born today.

Solo (*Mithila Chacko*): *The Virgin's Slumber Song*. Text Michael Forster, Music Max Reger.

O child of hope, what shadows fall across your sleeping eyes?
Shadows of a future marked by love and sacrifice;
O child of promise – such a cost but such a prize!
O softly slumber, child of grace.
Child of sorrow, child of joy, child of mystery divine,
may your peaceful trusting sleep be of hope the seal and sign.
O softly slumber, child of grace.

We sing: Calypso Carol

1. See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.
*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.*
2. Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world!
3. Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be the saviour of us all.
4. Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

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Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 read by Ian Gray

We sing: Carol our Christmas an upside-down Christmas (Alleluia Aotearoa 9)

1. Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ Child,
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.

2. Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,
water and river and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,
sing a nativity summer can reach!
3. Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;
wise ones make journeys whatever the season,
searching for signs of the truth to be born.
4. Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,
made in the moment a woman gives birth;
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

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Choir: *Cowboy Carol. Words & Music Cecil Broadhurst, arr Francis Roots Hadden*

There'll be a new world beginnin' from t'night.
When I climb up to my saddle gonna take him to my heart!
There'll be a new world beginnin' from t'night.
Right across the prairie, Clear across the valley,
straight across the heart of ev'ry man,
There'll be right new brand of livin', that'll sweep like lightnin' fire,
and take away the hate in ev'ry land.
There'll be a new world beginnin' from t'night.
When I climb up to my saddle gonna take him to my heart!
There'll be a new world beginnin' from t'night.
Yay! Yipee We're gonna ride the trail.
Yay! Yipee! We're gonna ride today!
When I climb up to my saddle gonna take him to my heart!
There'll be a new world beginnin' from t'night.
Beginnin' from t'night!

Address: The Clothes we wear

We sing: Peace, peace to the world

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 of love has come!
The reign of love has come,
has come,
the reign of love has come!"

Willow Macky

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Dedication of Offering and Lord's Prayer

Love shone from the stable at Bethlehem;

a love that encouraged the dispirited,

a love that accepted the vulnerable,

a love worked out in community and family,

a love that encompasses all nations and ethnic groups,

a love that blesses.

***That love we share through our offerings through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who taught us to pray, Our Father...(WOV 676)***

We sing: Child of Christmas story

1. Child of Christmas story,
stable straw and star,
small and sweet and gentle:
tell us who you are.

2. Child whose baby finger
round our own is curled,
come to melt our hearts, and
come to change the world.

3. Child of Jew and Gentile,
child of white and black -
teach us how to love you,
teach us what we lack.

4. Child of Mary's courage,
birthed in human pain,
tell us what your name is -
be our hope again.

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Prayer: during which we sing responsively "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

This season of Advent has been building up with a crescendo of hope, anticipation and joy. Now we are near the heights of joy. Soon we will proclaim "Joy to the world."

But, we ask, in these Covid times, is the world ready for joy? We are very much aware that for many places and many lives in our world, Joy is utterly absent, or barely remembered or almost given up on.

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,
 His name is called Em-man - u - el -
 God with us, re-vealed in us -
 His name is called Em-man - u - el.

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***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel
 God with us, revealed in us
 His name is called Emmanuel.***

In this time when families normally come together, we pray for those apart, and those who have no family -especially those who are alone, at a loss, or lost. For these people, children of God, we pray a gentle song of love.

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel
 God with us, revealed in us
 His name is called Emmanuel.***

In this season that focuses on giving, we pray for those among us who feel that they have nothing to offer. Mary sings a song of the dignity and worth of every human being and of the whole of creation. Let this be our song, too.

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel
 God with us, revealed in us
 His name is called Emmanuel.***

Loving God, may this Christmas season be a season of renewal: Renewed hope. Restored joy. Reignited passion for justice and peace and goodwill.

Choir and then Congregation: He hōnora, (Please remain seated)

He hōnoria, he korōria,
 Maungāronga ki te whenua.
 Whaka aro pai e Kingā tangato katoa.
 Ake, ake, amine.
 Te Atua, te piringa, Toku orange

*Translation (not to be sung):
 Honour, glory, and peace to the land.
 May good thoughts come to all men.
 For ever and ever, Amen.
 The Lord is the refuge and my life*

We sing: We three Kings of Orient are

1. We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star
*O, Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign
3. Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high.
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb
5. Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heaven replies

Benediction

My friends in Jesus Christ
May you be strengthened by the good news
that God proclaims in Jesus Christ.
May you be drawn to the wonder
of the mystery revealed,
God's eternal love for us
made flesh in Jesus Christ.
Go in the glory of God's abundant love.

We go with hope.

We go in peace.

We go with joy.

We go in love

*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.*



Healing services: A prayerful service, which includes communion, is usually held on the third Sunday of each month, at 11:30am. There will, however, be no healing service today. Healing services will resume on Sunday 16th January.

Carol singing Monday 20th December: All are welcome to come along to sing carols (outdoors) to parishioners at several homes and rest-homes. We shall assemble at church at 6pm, travel together, and conclude with cake and a cuppa at Anne Shave's home, around 8:30pm.

Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December): The church will be open between 9am and 6pm so that people may come in and spend time in quiet prayer and/or light a candle for remembrance. Please tell anyone you think may appreciate doing that this Christmas. Speak to Anne Shave if you would like to be on the roster to sit quietly in the church for an hour, keeping an eye on the candles and ensuring that the Dyers Pass Road doors can remain open.

Church Rosters	This week: 19th December	Next week: 26th December
Door Duty	Bruce & Helen Leadbetter, Jill Fenton	Clare Shave, Elisabeth Cooch
Morning Tea & Coffee	Noelene Kent, Lyn Cordner	Kathleen Anderson, Jill McAra
Bible Reading		Annette McAdam
Candle Lighting	Rosemary Troughton	
Food Trolley	Richard Leete	David Troughton
Money Counting (Monday)	Gabrielle Bolt	<i>Gail on leave</i>

**Leading Worship over
the next few weeks:**

Christmas Eve	David Coster
Christmas Day	Hamish Galloway
26 th December	Anne Shave
2 nd January	David Coster
9 th January	David Coster



*Christmas
in Cashmere*

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday 19th December @ 6pm

Community carols in the Garden at 1 Macmillan Ave. An event for all ages, with music from the Steadfast Band and a sausage sizzle.

Bring rugs and a picnic. (In the church if wet)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday 24th December

Light a Candle in Remembrance

The church will be open during the day for personal prayer, remembrance and contemplation.

Midnight Watch Candlelight Service

Commencing at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Saturday 25th December

All-age family friendly celebration @ 9.30am