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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 2nd December 2018

1st Sunday in Advent

Theme: Waiting

A very warm welcome to you all, and a very special welcome to all who are visiting today; we value your presence and look forward to getting to know you.

Today is our Christmas Communion Service; all who wish to participate in the sacrament are welcome to do so regardless of your denomination.

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.

Hymn 193: O come O come Emmanuel

Advent Candle lighting: Hope

Come, light of the world,

come live in our hearts,

come move in-between us,

come shine in the darkness.

This candle shines for hope,

for hope is needed now in our world.

Hope is a hunger and hope is a gift,

a gift of the Christ child, born in the night

Come, light of the world

be our hope, we pray.

Song: Light one candle (sing twice)

Light one candle for hope,

one bright candle for hope.

Christ brings hope to every heart;

he comes, he comes.

Prayer of praise

Blessing prayer

Lord, you have been our dwelling place through every age;

May each new generation find their home in you.

Lord Jesus, bless these children as they learn and grow;

May they find their place in your great story. Amen.

Children go out to Kowhai Lounge

Prayer song 206: Thou didst leave (*O come to my heart*) – verses 1,2,5

Prayer of confession

To the words: Christ have mercy

The response is: ***Christ have mercy***

Words of assurance

Notices

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

Hymn 642: Born in the night

Bible Readings (*Reader: Annette McAdam*)

Jeremiah 33:10-16 (p.767 OT)

Luke 21:25-34 (p.110 NT)

Sermon: Hurry up and wait!

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.*

Dedication of the offering (*please stand*)

Hymn 200: Come thou long expected Jesus

Holy Communion

Jeremiah looked around at a ruined city, and prophesied restoration and rebuilding

“Once again” he declared, “there will be sounds of joy and gladness.

Once again there will be weddings and celebration.

Gratitude will flow once again after the desolation.”

And the people responded:

Give thanks to the Lord, to the Lord of hosts

***for the Lord is good!
God's love endures forever!***

Jeremiah spoke the word of the Lord:

“The days are coming when I will fulfil the promise I made to my people.
In those days a branch will sprout from King David's line
He will do what is right and the land will be saved
the people will live in safety.
He will be called True Saviour, the Righteous One.”

We are the people of this branch, the people who follow Jesus Christ.
We live with faith for he has come and he has shown us the Father.
We live in hope for he will come again and bring all things to himself.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

We are people who wait upon the Lord,
in prayer and in hope, in fellowship, in mission and service,
in all things depending on the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus
who is alive and present with us now;
by whose power these elements of bread and grape juice
become for us the body and blood of Christ.

*All are welcome to share in the bread and grape juice.
While the elders receive Communion we sing together:*
676: The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 207: There's a light upon the mountains

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.*



Next Sunday, 9 December

✦ ***Our magnificent annual Nativity Service!***

What is Christmas all about? Little (and not-so-little) children all welcome to participate and to dress up as Angels and Kings. Families are asked to come early.

✦ ***Christmas Brunch:*** immediately following the Family Nativity Service we will be having a party Brunch. Please bring some finger food to share.

Carol Singing

Cashmere Presbyterian Church has, so I'm told, a fine tradition of carolling. This year we are stretching ourselves, with requests for 4 rest homes! Please join in as you can.

- ✦ **Friday 14 December, 11am** (arrive at 10.45), **Bishop Selwyn** (main lounge, through main entrance & turn left)
- ✦ **Tuesday 18 December, 6.30pm, Archer Village**, 166 Colombo St. Also singing at Jean Wall's house. Then Anne Shave is hosting us for tea & cake, 11 Pahau Place, Cracroft
- ✦ **Wednesday 19 December, 2.00pm, Thorrlington Village**, Birdwood Ave, then **3.00pm, Rhodes Home**, 5 Overdale Dr, downstairs lounge. Afternoon tea then carols.

Carol sheets will be provided. David Troughton will accompany on the piano, and other musical instruments are welcome. We would need to arrive about 10 minutes early for each venue. Dress 'Christmassy' - help get in the joyous mood! If you are able to join in on any or all of these, please speak to me (*Silvia*)

Working Bee: thanks to all those who helped yesterday, and Warren for organising.

Church Rosters	This week – 2nd December	Next week – 9th December
Door Duty	Warren & Andrea Campbell Chris Wright	Bruce Leadbetter, Janet Aldridge, Elisabeth Cooch
Offerings counting	Warren & Andrea Campbell	Bruce Leadbetter, Ian Gray
Morning Tea	Tric & Peter Nelson	Jane & David Kim
Filter coffee	Rosemary Troughton	Elizabeth Taggart
Bible Reading	Annette McAdam	David Troughton
Candle Lighting		Elizabeth Taggart
Food Trolley	Lorraine Murphy	Elisabeth Cooch



Christmas
in Cashmere

ADVENT COMMUNION
Sunday 2 December @ 10am

NATIVITY SERVICE
Sunday 9 December @ 10am
Christmas Brunch party @ 11am

SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC
Sunday 16 December @ 10am
Healing Service @ 11.30am

CAROLS IN THE GARDEN
Sunday 16 December @ 5pm
In the grounds of 1 Macmillan Ave.
Sing-along community picnic;
free sausage sizzle & kids 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