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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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

*Theme: Nativity Service*

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.

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 223: While shepherds watched**

**Lighting Advent Candle: Peace (Margaret & Josh)**

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.

This candle shines for peace,

***for peace is needed now in our world.***

Peace is a hunger and peace is a gift,

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

Come, light of the world,

***be our peace, we pray.***

**Candle song**

Light one candle for hope,  
one bright candle for hope.  
Christ brings hope to every heart;  
he comes, he comes.

Light one candle for peace,  
one bright candle for peace.  
Christ brings peace to all the world;  
he comes, he comes.

## Notices and birthdays

**Reading:** Luke 2:25-35 (p.77 NT) (*Reader: Owen Foster*)

**Carol 240:** O little town of Bethlehem

**Nativity Drama:** What does Christmas mean to you?

**Children's singing**

**Christmas message:** The names of Jesus

**Carol 242:** Away in a manger

**Gifts**

**Offering**

**Carol:** We three kings

1. We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain,  
moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

*Oh, 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 rein

3. Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Pray'r 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 heav'n replies

**Presentation to the children**

**Reading:** Isaiah 9:2-7 (p.675 OT) (*Reader: Jay Lee*)

**Prayers for others**

**Carol 224:** Joy to the world

**Blessing**

Amen, amen, amen



### ***Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December:***

- ***Healing Service at 11.30am:*** As well as prayer with anointing, this month's Healing Service will include the opportunity to light a candle for someone for whom you have a special concern this Christmas time.
- ***Carols in the Garden*** in the grounds of 1 Macmillan Avenue, from 5pm. Bring a picnic; free sausage sizzle & kids activities.

### ***Homebaked Christmas Cakes***

These beautifully decorated cakes are available today in various sizes, priced from \$12 to \$15. Speak to Cecile or Tric

### ***Carol Singing***

This year we are once again taking Carols to homes, with visits to the following Rest Homes. If you are able to join us, please speak to Silvia, or David Troughton.

- ✦ **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, Thorrington Village**, Birdwood Ave, then **3.00pm, Rhodes Home**, 5 Overdale Dr, downstairs lounge. Afternoon tea then carols.

### ***Christmas Services – Volunteers needed***

Are you able to help with any of the following duties on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Please let Gail know if you would be available.

- Door Duty
- Candle Lighting
- Bible Reading
- Offerings Counting

### ***An open letter to the older members in our church from the national PCANZ Moderator:***

As the Church, we must pay attention to the spiritual and pastoral well-being of our older members. Cherish and uplift them. Remind them that they are valued and loved.

A senior member of my parish told me that upon reaching old age there is a natural tendency to feel "redundant, or that you have a use by date". Health deteriorates, mobility becomes an issue, and sometimes the absence of family and friends leads to isolation.

We will all reach this stage of life. What can be done? What do you expect from your Church?

I say to our older members, we your Church – the Presbyterian Church – love and respect you. We care and cherish you. You are valued and admired. We want to hear your voice, your experienced opinion. We will journey together.

*Fakaofu Kaio (Moderator)*

**Spanz** – the December issue of this magazine of the PCANZ is available today from either of the foyers.

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week – 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Next week – 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Bruce Leadbetter, Janet Aldridge, Elisabeth Cooch	Annette McAdam, Colin Reid, Ann Jennings
<b>Offerings counting</b>	Bruce Leadbetter, Ian Gray	Graham Cook, Colin Reid
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jane & David Kim	Patricia & Murray Heath
<b>Filter coffee</b>	Elizabeth Taggart	Shirley Wilson
<b>Bible Reading</b>	David Troughton	Robin McKee
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Elizabeth Taggart	Helen Leadbetter
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Elisabeth Cooch	Annette McAdam



**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 & 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