

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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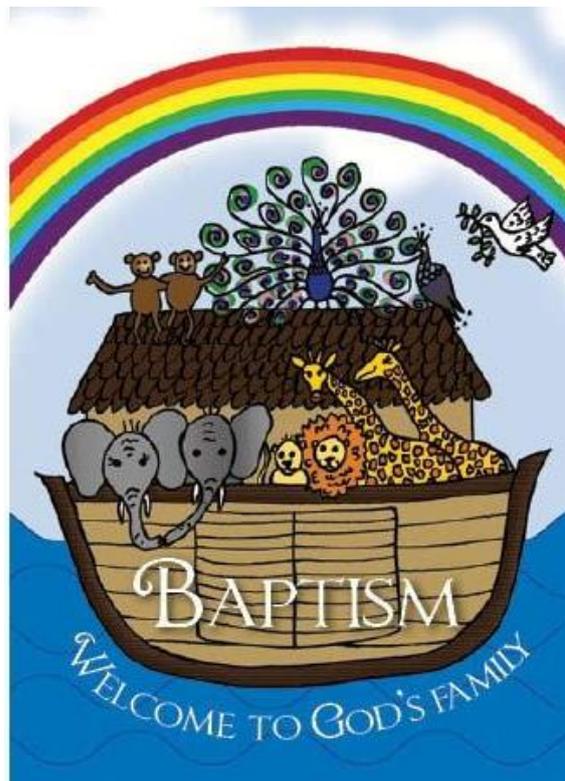
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Sunday 21st February 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Theme: Noah's ark prefigures baptism



Preacher: Hamish Galloway

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.
Congregational responses are in bold italics.*

Lighting the Fellowship Candle

Welcome to Worship

Opening Hymn 385: The Church's One Foundation

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Notices

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

Readings (Reader: Janice Lee)

Genesis 9:8-15

⁸ God said to Noah and his sons, ⁹ "Look. I now confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, including the birds, the domestic animals, and every living creature of the earth with you, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature of the earth. ¹¹ I confirm my covenant with you: Never again will all living things be wiped out by the waters of a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth."

¹² And God said, "This is the guarantee of the covenant I am making with you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all subsequent generations: ¹³ I will place my rainbow in the clouds, and it will become a guarantee of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ then I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures of all kinds

Mark 1: 9-11

⁹ Now in those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my one dear Son; in you I take great delight.

1 Peter 3:19b -22

God patiently waited in the days of Noah as an ark was being constructed. In the ark a few, that is eight souls, were delivered through water. ²¹ And this

prefigured baptism, which now saves you—not the washing off of physical dirt but the pledge of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who went into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels and authorities and powers subject to him.

Children come to the front

All-age time including the confirmation of Millie Campbell

Song: The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share

And I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
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Sermon: Safe and Sound! Warm and Dry!

Hymn: It is well with my soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul x2

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*)

Prayers for others

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Hymn: Stand up Stand up for Jesus (WOV 509)

Benediction

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.*



Bible reading at home: Please pick up a little Bible reading guide from the foyer if you would like to read and reflect on a short Bible passage each day during Lent. And if you have been using these simple guides and finding them helpful you are more than welcome to take one to give to a family member or friend.

Pathways: Thank you to those who have already expressed interest in participating in the **Pathways** programme – a programme which explores life transitions, spiritual development, and gifts and strengths. Our next group will meet on **Monday 8th March from 9am until 3pm** and Hamish and Anne would love to hear from you this week, if you would like to be involved. If you cannot attend on a weekday, don't worry! We will be offering *Pathways* again in May. This is likely to be on **Saturday 8th May**, so write that date in your diary now if you wish to come.

Small group Bible study (5 weeks): This coming Tuesday evening we are holding a small discussion group which will meet for five Tuesday evenings during Lent (7:30-9pm). We will be using a series called **Followers of Jesus**, which you can pick up this morning from Anne Shave:

- 23rd February: *Nicodemus*
- 2nd March: *Mary and Martha*
- 9th March: *The woman at the well*
- 16th March: *James, Son of Thunder*
- 23rd March: *Mary Magdalene*

Whether you like to talk or prefer just to listen, you would be very welcome. If you would like to come but cannot manage all five Tuesday evenings you would also be welcome. Come this Tuesday evening for a taster, perhaps? We shall meet in Anne's home (in Cracroft). If you are interested in attending, please speak to Anne or Hamish, or phone Gail in the church office on Monday or Tuesday morning.

Easter retreat: Following on from a similar morning of guided quiet prayer last year, a retreat will be offered here at Cashmere Presbyterian on the Saturday prior to Easter (March 27th). More details will follow, but do mark that morning in your diary now if you are interested in coming along.

Port Levy today: Later this morning a baptismal service for Vin and for Helen will be held at 737 Purau Port Levy Road. It will be followed by a picnic.

How to get there: There is a hairpin bend (and plenty of pines) halfway down from the saddle (The Monument) to the bay. After this, about 300m further on, you will find a driveway at the left-hand side. Parking is at the street side and on the platform

behind the gate. We meet for the baptism ceremony at 1:15 pm about 300m down the track. For those who wish to come, Ira has prepared a map with further instructions.

Cashmere Connection: Please have any items for inclusion in the next Cashmere Connection to the Office by Monday 22nd February.

The Alpine Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is on the notice board in the foyer. Speak to Gail if you would like to subscribe to receive it directly.

Church Rosters	This week – 21 February	Next week – 28 February
Door Duty	Kathleen Anderson, Tony Waters, Robin McKee	David & Jane Kim, Cath Dale
Morning Tea & Coffee	Cecile Pierce, Shirley Wilson	Peter and Tric Nelson
Bible Reading	Janice Lee	Judy Newbury
Candle Lighting	Shirley Wilson	Elisabeth Cooch
Food Trolley	Jill McAra	Elisabeth Cooch
Money Counting (Monday)	Rouie Swan	Janet Aldridge



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