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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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Epiphany 6**

*Lay Led service, coordinated by Dr David Troughton  
Theme: God Meant it for Good.*

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, which will be served in the Lounge after the service.

**Order of Worship**

(Congregational responses are in bold italics)

**Lighting of the Candle**

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

Let us worship God.

Open up before God, keep nothing back;

***He'll do whatever needs to be done.***

Quiet down before God,

***Be prayerful before Him.***

Wait passionately for God,

***Don't leave the path.***

The spacious, free life is from God,

***It's also protected and safe.***

God-strengthened, we're delivered from evil-

***When we run to Him, we're protected and safe.***

*(from Psalm 37, The Message)*

## Hymn: God is working his purpose out

1. God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.
2. What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
the love of God in all mankind,  
the reign of the Prince of peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?
3. March we forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.
4. All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

## Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Owen Foster.

Lord, despite our best intentions,

we still fall short of what you call us to be.

We thank you that when we come to you in sincerity, confess honestly,  
you will forgive, as you have promised: (1 John 1:9)

*"If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his word and do what is right:  
He will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all our wrongdoing."*

***O God, we thank you that you forgive us and give us fresh starts.***

Forgiven, in your presence, Lord, we continue to review our lives.

**May our experiences bring forth positive fruit in our lives:**

May we use disappointment - **to produce patience.**

May we use success - **to produce thankfulness.**

May we use suspense - **to develop perseverance,**

May danger - **call forth courage,**

May pain - **call forth endurance,**

May pleasures - **be enjoyed with temperance,**

May praise - **be received with humility.**

May your Holy Spirit touch our hearts and transform our lives, **Amen**

**Prayer with Children, Lord's Prayer.**

**Hymn: Our God is so big**

*Our God is so big, So strong, and so mighty—  
There's nothing our God cannot do. (repeat)*

The mountains are His; the rivers are his,  
The whole world is under his smile.

*Our God is so big .....*

**Notices**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Hymn 564:** Forgive our sins (Tune: *Amazing Grace*. WOV 56)

**Bible Readings:**

Psalm 37:1-12, 39,-40 (*Matt Moir*)

Luke 6:27-38 (*Jay Lee*)

**Sermon:** *God meant it for God.*

A Case Study from the Life of Joseph     *David Troughton*  
with Genesis 45:27-38.                             *Owen Foster*

**Hymn:** Father, I place into your hands (*remaining seated*)

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| 1. Father, I place into your hands<br>the things I cannot do.<br>Father, I place into your hands<br>the things that I've been through.<br>Father, I place into your hands<br>The way that I should go,<br>for I know I always can trust you. | 2. Father, I place into your hands<br>my friends and family.<br>Father, I place into your hands<br>the things that trouble me.<br>Father, I place into your hands<br>the person I would be,<br>for I know I always can trust you. |
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3. Father, we love to see your face,  
we love to hear your voice.  
Father, we love to sing your praise  
and in your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with you  
and in your presence rest,  
for we know we always can trust  
you.

4. Father, I want to be with you  
and do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
that you are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones  
that you will draw to you,  
for I know that I am one with you.

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### **Offering, with Music for Reflection:**

'O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him,  
and he shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,  
And fret not thyself because of evil-doers.....

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee  
thy heart's desires. Wait...wait patiently for Him.'

*From 'Elijah', by Mendelssohn, based on verses from Psalm 37, today's reading.*

**Dedication of Offering** *Jay Lee*

**Prayers for Others** *Matt Moir*

**Hymn:** Make me a channel of your peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred let me bring love,  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

*Refrain* *O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace;  
where there's despair in life let me bring hope,  
where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy:

*Refrain*

3. Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**Dismissal and Blessing** *Jay Lee*

**Threefold Amen**



## **Rosters**

The rosters for March – July have been prepared, and copies are available to collect today. Please check the dates you have been listed for; if there are any dates you cannot do, please arrange a swap and let Gail know also.

**Filter Coffee** roster is completed only until 17 March, as there are currently only three people on that list. Please consider helping on this duty, and let Gail or Elizabeth Taggart know if you can do so.

**Quiet Space: Friday 8 March, 10am**, in the church: a time of quiet prayer and reflection, as well as prayer for specific needs. (Normally the first Friday of each month)

## **Parish Council**

Parish Council met on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Items discussed included:

- Ann Jennings was welcomed to her first PC meeting
- Hoon Hay Presbyterian have made a Lay Ministry appointment of Michael Reid.
- St Martin's Presbyterian hope to re-enter their building soon, with the first service to be in about a month.
- Various special services for the year were discussed, and dates set.
- Easter: agreed to the request from St Augustine's that we swap services – Maundy Thursday to be held there, and Good Friday to start from St Augustine's with a Cross Walk up to Cashmere, service at 10am, followed by tea and hot cross buns here. Those that do not wish to do the walk can go directly to Cashmere and await the service commencing.
- Elders' Meeting dates:
  - 14 May – including a discussion on the role of Elders
  - 3 September – to include items from Soul Purpose
- AGM date set as 22 September 2019
- Visiting preachers Geoff King, David Coster and Hugh Perry are popular with the congregation, and Silvia was requested that they be invited more often
- Joyce Lockhart has been asked to join the Coordinating committee.
- Social Events:
  - Square Dance, 4 May
  - Mid-Winter Feast, 22 June
  - Warren has undertaken to organise another Men's Night, date to be decided.
  - Youth BBQ at the Campbells: 10 March
- Work to replace borer damaged boards around the Rata Lounge is to be done soon, and may be undertaken next week.
- CREST will be going ahead with wiring Church House for a generator.

## **Free Pipe Organ Concert 6 March 2019**

The iconic Rieger pipe organ in the Town Hall, which has lain silent for eight long years, will sound again at a special re-opening concert at 1.10pm on Wednesday 6 March 2019 and which will be repeated at 6pm the same day. The concert will feature exciting new additions to the organ which have now been completed. The Mayor will officially re-open the organ at the commencement of the concert. The hour-long concert will be presented by Martin Setchell, Organ Curator, who will introduce and play a programme of entertaining music in his inimitable style. With the support of Vbase and the City Council, entry to the concert is FREE – no tickets are required – and the doors of the auditorium will open 50 minutes before the commencement time(s) above. A glossy 16-page souvenir programme will be on sale for \$10, as will copies of Martin's new CD *Resounding Aftershocks*, recorded in the Town Hall only last month (cost \$20).

## **Alpine Presbytery Newsletter**

The Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is available on the notice board in the foyer. If you would like to subscribe to receive it directly by email, please speak to Gail.

## **Church Rosters**

	<b>This week – 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Next week – 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Jane & David Kim, Jill McAra	Jane & David Kim, Jill McAra
<b>Offerings counting</b>	Tony Waters, Jay Lee	Ian French-Wright, David Kim
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Patricia & Murray Heath	Noelene Kent, Kathleen Anderson
<b>Filter coffee</b>	Elizabeth Taggart	Elizabeth Taggart
<b>Bible Reading</b>	} David Troughton & Team	Janice Lee
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	}	Shirley Wilson
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Barbara & Richard Leete	Marie & John Martin

## **Upcoming Services**

3 March	Communion Service & Harvest Thanksgiving	Silvia Purdie
10 March	Family Service (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)	Silvia Purdie
17 March	Morning Worship	Silvia Purdie
	11.30am Healing Service	Silvia
24 March	Morning Worship	Sandra Wright-Taylor



Tuesday 26 February	9.00am	Quilts & Crafts
	9.00am	Foot Clinic
Wednesday 27 February	10.00am	Forum
Thursday 28 February	10.00am	Pre-School Music