

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 22nd January 2023
3rd Sunday in Epiphany

Preacher: Anne Shave

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.

Children are welcome to sit anywhere in the church, but if they wish to be more active then there are a selection of toys and books at the very back, and also in the Family Room (door between the organ & piano).

You are invited to stay for morning tea after the service.

Whilst Masks are no longer *required*, we ask you to please respect the decisions of others with regard to whether or not they wear one.

Order of Worship

*Congregational responses are in bold italics
Please stand as the Bible is processed in*

Lighting of the fellowship candle (*Kathleen Anderson*)

Call to worship (*Inspired by Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11*)

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

***We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.***

In the name of Christ,

we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,

as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,

we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together

and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

From the On Earth Peace website; <http://www.onearthpeace.org/>

Hymn 43: Give to our God immortal praise

We pray: Beginning with words from Psalm 27

God is my strong salvation (TiS 15, *Tune: Thornbury*)

God is my strong salvation, what foe have I to fear?
in darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, firm at my post I stand;
what terror can confound me with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance, my soul with courage wait;
his truth my reassurance when faint and desolate;
his might my heart shall strengthen, his love my joy increase;
mercy my days shall lengthen, the Lord will give me peace.

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Notices of church family life, and sharing of the peace of Christ

Time with the children: *Jesus calls his first disciples*

- Matthew 4:12-23

Hymn 202: The people that in darkness walked

Bible readings: *Sue Leadbetter*

- Isaiah 9:1-4 (Pg 674OT)
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Pg 206 NT)

Sermon: *Called together*

Time of reflection

Hymn 505: Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea
(*Tune: St Andrew*)

Dedication of the offering:

***Great God of Heaven and Earth,
you call us to leave behind our preoccupations
and to follow you into the future.***

Sometimes we find your call challenging.

We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present.

***May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness
to follow where you lead.***

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*United Methodist Foundation of Michigan
<http://www.umfmichigan.org/offerprayers.html>*

Prayers for others, concluding with the Lord's prayer:

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.***

Hymn: You have called us by our name

Refrain:

You have called us by our name. We belong to you.

You have called us by our name and we are yours.

1. You have chosen us to be members of your family.
In your love you have created us to live in unity.
2. You will lead us to your light, walk before us through the night.
You will guide us on our journey. You will keep our vision bright.
3. You will hold us when we fall, give new strength to hear your call.
You will never be beyond us, for your love is all in all.
4. You will nourish, you will lead, giving ev'ry gift we need,
for your reign will be established from the smallest of all seeds.
5. Through our sharing here today may our faith and life convey
Christ our light and Christ our vision, Christ our purpose, Christ our way.

Composer: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

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Epiphany prayer

May this holy season be for each of us
a time of moving beyond what is "reasonable"
and toward the star of wonder;
moving beyond grasping tight to what we have
to unclenching our hands and letting go,
following the Light where it leads;
moving beyond competition toward cooperation,
seeing that all humans are sisters and brothers;
moving beyond the anxiety of small concerns
towards the joys of justice and peace.

***May we respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him
with willingness and gratitude, now and in the days ahead.***

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.*



Duty Rosters: I will soon be preparing the next set of rosters, beginning from 12 February. Please let me know if there are any dates that you cannot do. If you would like to go on one or more of the rosters, or would like to know more about what is involved, please get in touch with me in the office. *Gail*

A Shirley Murray Seminar

Having spent a number of years researching the life and work of the Aotearoa New Zealand hymn writer Shirley Murray, Anne Manchester has produced a seminar called "Under Shirley's spell: researching the life and work of Shirley Erena Murray". **Knox Church, Ōtautahi Christchurch** is pleased to be hosting the seminar at 5.00pm on **Sunday 29 January 2023**, in the Hall of the Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Avenue. Entry is free, but any koha would be appreciated.

Anne will discuss why she decided to write Shirley's biography, her sources of information, and some of her interesting discoveries along the way.

The presentation will conclude with a study of 2 hymns.

Bother Peter Bray FSC to speak in Christchurch

Brother Peter is the Kiwi Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University and will speak on Thursday 2 February, 7.30pm at the Villa Maria College Auditorium. Br Peter will provide a brief historical perspective and the impact the situation is having on Israelis and Palestinians and particularly the students at Bethlehem University. He will consider what justice issues are involved and what needs to happen for peace to come. All are welcome.

In preparation for the tour, he is making three videos; the second has just been issued. It is very powerful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R17kia53-GY>

Te Waiora House Christian Retreat Centre:

for Time Out – Restoration – Growth

Te Waiora House offers affordable accommodation in a beautiful and extensive rural setting. Just outside Hororata, offering four twin and one double ensuite bedrooms, a large lounge with log burner, and dining room, suitable for meeting, along with a chapel that can seat up to thirty.

Guests are welcome to visit for a day, or for longer. Catered and uncatered options available.

Gift vouchers available.

Donations enable the work of Te Waiora Christian Retreat House to continue.

Our aim is to be a place of peace and refuge for those who need to recharge their batteries, emotionally, physically, or spiritually.

Contact 027 406 0503 or (03) 318 0789. Email: tewaiorahouse@xtra.co.nz

It's time to have your say on the South Library building

On **Wednesday 8 February** South Library is engaging with customers and staff about what they want to see in the facility when it is rebuilt. Here's your chance to meet the designers – your feedback will shape the design, feel and functionality as the initial concept design is prepared. The building will keep the same floor area and remain on its riverside site.

Drop in to the Beckenham Service Centre Boardroom in the South Library building at one of these times:

10am–noon: This session is intended for resident associations, community groups and regular facility users, but if you're unable to come along at this time you're welcome at either of the other two.

2pm–4pm: For members of the public and interested parties

5pm–7pm: For members of the public and interested parties

You need to register to attend. Go to www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/future-projects/major-facilities/south-library-and-service-centre to find out more about the project, and there is a link on that page to register.

If you have any questions, please email southlibraryproject@ccc.govt.nz

<i>Church Rosters</i>	This week: 22nd January	Next week: 29th January
Door Duty	Peter & Tric Nelson, Jill Fenton	Warren Campbell, Karen Glithero, Margaret Ford
Morning Tea & Coffee	Murray & Patricia Heath	David & Jane Kim
Bible Reading	Jill Fenton	Ann Jennings
Candle Lighting	Kathleen Anderson	Elizabeth Taggart
Food Trolley	Margaret Ford	Ann Jennings
Money Counting (Monday)	David Troughton	Annette McAdam

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

29 January	Anne Shave
5 February	David Coster
12 February	David Coster
19 February	David Coster

