

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 15th July 2018

Pentecost 8

Theme: David's crazy dance



The *Family Room* is at the front left of the church, and those with younger children are welcome to use this, or to stay in the service, as they choose.

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 the Fellowship Candle (*Anne Shave*)

Welcome to worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church

Opening Hymn 83: O praise ye the Lord!

Call to Worship: *Psalm 111: Praise the Lord, now and forever!*

Praise the Lord

now and forever!

I will say to God with all my heart – THANK YOU!

Together with all God's people we say – THANK YOU!

Everything God has done is great

Everyone who learns about God delights in him.

God is full to overflowing with grace and mercy

God is generous to his people and never forgets us.

Everything God does is good and true

Everything God teaches is good and true.

We can put our trust completely in our God

Standing tall on his everlasting word.

His covenant of salvation lasts forever

Holy and awesome is his name!

Wisdom begins here, by honouring God

Praise the Lord, now and forever!

Prayer of praise and confession

Prayer Song (*remain seated*) **47:** God himself is present

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 183: The Lord of the Dance

Bible Readings

Mark 6:6-13 (p.53 NT)

Leith McMurray

2 Samuel 6:1-8 (p.305 OT)

Anne Shave

2 Samuel 6:9-15

Leith McMurray

2 Samuel 6:16-23

Anne Shave

Sermon

Offering: *Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ will be received. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley.*

Dedication of the offering (*please stand*)

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation

Through your goodness we are blessed

Blessed are you, God of all mercy

Through your grace we are a blessing to others.

May the poor be lifted up, may your Kingdom come

May your Spirit flow in word and in deed.

Amen

Prayers for others

Sing 676: The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn 383 (*tune i*): Stand up and bless the Lord

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.*



Healing Service, with Communion, will be held today at 11.30am.

In every act of worship, the Church celebrates the grace of God who desires wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all people. At a service of healing, we focus on that aspect of God's character. We bring to God our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world. Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death. All are welcome to attend this service.

World Vision Sponsorship

A total of \$37.10 was collected at the Family Service last week for Vory, our World Vision child, and for work with the children in the church. Thank you for giving so generously.

Pastoral Care & Hospital Visiting

As we do not always hear when someone is sick or has gone into hospital, we may miss out on visiting them. Elisabeth Cooch, Convenor of the Pastoral Committee (ph. 332 1272), asks that you tell her, or Silvia, or Gail in the office, if you know of anyone in this situation.



Used Stamps are collected by PWANZ, and the funds raised are used for Mission work. If you have used stamps to donate, they can be left at the church office, or given directly to Judith Harrington.

Cashmere Connection: Please have any items for inclusion in the next Cashmere to the office by Friday 20th July.

Upcoming Services

22 nd July	Morning Worship	Anne Shave
29 th July	Morning Worship	Geoff King
5 th August	Morning Worship	Silvia Purdie
12 th August	Family Service	Silvia Purdie

Church Rosters	This week –15th July	Next week – 22nd July
Door Duty	Tric & Peter Nelson Annette McAdam	Ian Gray, Tony Waters, Anne Jennings
Offerings counting	Peter Nelson & Jay Lee	Tony Waters & Ian Gray
Morning Tea	Cecile Pierce & Graham Cook	Jill McAra & Ngaere Brownlie
Filter coffee	Shirley Wilson	Elizabeth Taggart
Bible Reading	Leith McMurray	Jill McAra
Candle Lighting	Anne Shave	Alan Simson
Food Trolley	Graham McCormick	Bruce & Shona Lyford

A Longer Stride and a Larger Embrace – *David in 2 Samuel 5*

by Eugene Peterson, *Leap over a wall*, pages 95-96

In wrapping up the story of the capture of Jerusalem and its establishment as the City of David, 2 Samuel 5 offers this wonderful phrase: “And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him” (2 Sam 5:10). Another way to translate the Hebrew phrase is that David proceeded from that moment with “a longer stride and a larger embrace”.

The change at this point in David’s life was radical. Suddenly he was the central figure of his nation. All his life he had been marginal; now he was central. For years he had been living furtively and defensively; now he was in a position to live royally and commandingly. That’s a huge change. Would David change too? Would he change into a Middle Eastern despot? Or would he grow?

The phrase “greater and greater” signals David’s maturity. The David story is a story of *growth*, each detail assimilated into the next, David more *David* now than ever.

Change can stimulate developing, deepening, lengthening, enlarging – our lives becoming more, not less. And that’s what the narrator calls attention to in David at this moment. Not David embittered by the long hostility of Saul; not David narrowed into an obsessive paranoia against the Philistines; not David reduced to a compulsive regard for his own interests; not David lazily living off the reputation of his youthful achievement; not David sidetracked into wilderness love affairs. No. Rather, all that conflict and hostility, all those blessings and wonders, all that hate and love metabolized into a holy life, a life robust in God and prayer and obedience. He lengthened his stride, he enlarged his embrace.

He included more and more people under his rule and in his love. He gathered *all* God’s children, not just those who had been on his side. Maturity translated into generosity, into reaching out to make peace with the northern tribes. David didn’t use his newly acquired strength and authority to destroy or denigrate others. He gathered and integrated and led.

God’s way is growth. Nothing from our past is thrown out with the rubbish, it’s all composted and assimilated into a growing life. David at 37 was more than he was at 17 – more praise, saner counsel, deeper love. More himself. More his God-given and God-glorifying humanity. A longer stride, a larger embrace.