

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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Pentecost 8

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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.

At the present time, we ask you to please continue to wear a mask during worship.

Order of Worship

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

Fellowship Candle *(Elizabeth Taggart)*

Call to worship

My friends in Christ, we are gathered here buoyed by God's love that is faithful, dynamic and true.

God, in Christ, through the friendship of the Spirit, is our hope, peace and adoration for the living. Come, let us worship God in a spirit of gladness and joy.

We sing: Great God your love has called us here. (Tune CH4 484)

1. Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed,
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by power and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy-seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5. Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

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Greeting

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, with all whom you love, and all whom you pray for here this day.

And may the grace and peace of our Lord be with you also.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

God of enduring compassion, we pause from our daily comings and goings, may you encounter us in our desire to learn what it means to live freely from your heart and will.

But we cannot do this alone, O Holy One, for no matter how much spiritual effort we put in we always come up short of grace. Be that grace for us now, we pray.

God of all mercy, we confess before you the human malady of taking too many good things in life for granted. At the heart of such casual diffidence exists a taking for granted of your providential care.

For who is it that gives breath, food, water? Who is it that offers consolation in the midst of life's darkest moments?

Whose spirit is it that gives energy for the earth to tilt and spin, turning miraculously each new day to again face the sun?

It is you, God of all, there is no other!

And so, in these few moments of stillness, we seek to remember you imaginatively at work in our lives. We again seek to reconnect our heart to yours and our future to your future.

Come, Spirit of Life. Come, renew and heal us, shaping your church into the grateful, soulful and compassionate Body of Christ that you call us to be.

Words of Assurance

God is our refuge, our rock, our strength. God hears our repentance,
and we know ourselves forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen

Notices

We pass the peace of Christ to each other.

We sing 633: Tama ngakau marie

Introduction to the Reading (*Reader: Annette McAdam*)

Matthew 6: 9-13

Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray. The Lord's Prayer, as we know it, falls into two parts relating to God and to humanity. After the opening invocation, there are three petitions concerning God's glory, followed by those concerning our needs.

Luke 4:17-29

Luke's account of Jesus teaching in the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth. Here, his message which, at first, is received with favour soon becomes one angrily rejected.

Prayer before Sermon

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We sing: Your Kingdom come! – on bended knee (CH3 323 Irish)

1. Your kingdom come! On bended knee
through passing years we pray:
all faithful people long to see
on earth that kingdom's day.
2. The hours of waiting through the night
no less to God belong;
the stars declare the eternal right
and shame the creature's wrong.
3. And there already in the skies
the dawn's first rays appear:
you prophets of our God, arise,
proclaim the day is near:
4. The day in whose clear shining light
the Lord shall stand revealed,
and every wrong be turned to right,
and every hurt be healed,

5. When justice joined with truth and peace
make straight the Saviour's road:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God!

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.

Offertory Prayer

In bringing these gifts before your table of welcome, we give of ourselves in the service of the enfolding, expanding love of Christ to the world.

May we give wholeheartedly and in the belief that you work through us for the betterment of your world through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, Our Father...

(sung (676)

Prayers for ourselves and

We sing: "I have a dream" Tune CH4 710

1. 'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love,
in freedom and in love.'
2. But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind,
Christ sheds on humankind.
3. Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right,
of standing for the right.

4. So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content;
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds,
faith proves itself in deeds.

5. Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace,
uniting us in peace.

Pamela J Pettitt
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Benediction

Threefold Amen

Sung Blessing: Now it's time to say good-bye
Tune New Journeys Songbook 104

Now its time to say goodbye,
to go on out from here
to live the visions and the dreams,
to scatter hate and fear.
So may the peace be with you now,
and peace that's filled with grace.
May it surround all your struggles
and everything you face.
And may you find your own way
to sing out love's own song
with courage, tears, and laughter,
and then to pass it on.
Yes the time has come to say goodbye
May peace be with you now.

*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.*



Film evening: In the Kowhai Lounge at **7:15pm on Thursday 18th August** we shall be screening the 2019 NZ documentary film ***Soldiers Without Guns***. This is about the Bougainville civil war, which raged for a decade, with locals split over the impact of an Australian-owned copper mine. In 1997 New Zealand was asked to broker a peace deal and the NZ Defence Force tried a new approach: the quota of female soldiers was boosted, and they were armed with Māori culture and music. This thought-provoking movie is part of our study series reflecting on Christian responses to war, but is a stand-alone event. All are welcome to attend.

The WCC Assembly is the highest governing body of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and normally meets every eight years. It brings together more than 4,000 participants from all over the world. It is a unique opportunity for diverse churches to deepen their commitment to visible unity and common witness. The 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches will take place in Karlsruhe, Germany, from 31 August to 8 September 2022, under the theme "**Christ's love moves the world to reconciliation and unity.**" Our minister, Hamish Galloway, will be attending the Assembly on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ. Over the next month, **please pray** that the WCC Assembly may not only strengthen bonds between denominations and individual Christians but that discussions held at the Assembly will result in positive change in the world. Pray, too, for Hamish and Anne Galloway as they travel in Europe and the UK.

Eco Church Wānanga: The second and third parts of this online wānanga for Eco Church kaihāpai/advocates will be held:

1 August, 7.30-9pm - Session 2: How do Eco Churches work in practice?

8 August, 7.30-9pm - Session 3: Challenges, opportunities and what YOU can do

Where: **Zoom, in the comfort of your own home**

Register at: aerochanz.infoodle.com/form_process?g=db85e352-3e71-4f30-82b5-154c43f579f5

Book: Capturing Light

There has been a copy of this book in our foyer for quite some time. We have now had several of his surplus copies donated by the author, Roy Miller. If you would like a copy for yourself, please do take one – they will be on the table in the foyer.

Alpha Coaches

Alpha are looking for regional coaches in Otago & Southland, Canterbury, Wellington and Auckland. Each role is 30 hours a week. Regional coaches outside

of Auckland work remotely, but there are opportunities to train with and work alongside other members of Alpha's fabulous staff team.

For more information, go to: <https://www.alpha.org.nz/vacancies/>

Redeeming the Screen: Food, Film and Facilitated discussion

Thursday 29 September, 6.00 – 8.30pm

Laidlaw College, 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui.

As part of facilitating the question “How we live as Christians in multi-religious contexts”, Laidlaw College are showing a documentary from Nigeria about an imam and a pastor who, through their friendship, grew peace in their communities. The film will be followed by discussion on questions brought up by the film. A meal will be provided beforehand. For more details, and to register to attend, go to <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/redeeming-the-screen-chch/>



Tuesday 2 nd August	9.00am	Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
	11.00am	Forum in Rata Lounge
Thursday 4 th August	10.00am	Pre-school Music
Sunday 7 th August	10.00am	Morning Worship

Church Rosters	This week: 31st July	Next week: 7th August
Door Duty	Karen Glithero, Jill McAra, Robin McKee	Kathleen Anderson, Ian Gray, Tony Waters
Morning Tea & Coffee	Bruce & Helen Leadbetter	Margaret Ford, Cecile Pierce
Bible Reading	Annette McAdam	Rosemary Troughton
Candle Lighting	Elizabeth Taggart	Karen Glithero
Food Trolley	Shona Lyford	Jill McAra
Money Counting (Monday)	Rouie Swan	Kathleen Anderson

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

7 th August	David Coster
14 th August	Geoff King
21 st August	David Coster
28 th August	Anne Shave

