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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 17th March 2019

Lent 2

Theme: Awe & Beauty in Creation ~ Preacher: Silvia Purdie

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 the Fellowship Candle: Psalm 96:10-13a (*Elizabeth Taggart*)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the land give praise, and everything on it,

all the trees of the forest, sing for joy before the Lord.

Welcome to worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church

Opening Hymn 77: For the beauty of the earth

Call to Worship: 'God of all beauty', by *Marnie Barnell*

God of all beauty, creation is our treasure

charged with your presence and speaking with your voice;

holy your world, you made it for your pleasure:

here where you dwell we know you and rejoice.

God of all comfort, you meet us in our sorrow:

silence and darkness are shadows of your throne.

Leaving the past and trusting in tomorrow,

loved and restored, we rest in you alone.

God of beginnings, our father and our mother,
life-giver, teach us to be creators too:
help us to greet your image in each other
sharing your work in making all things new.

God of compassion, flow through us like a river,
bright living waters that only you can give:
praising the gift and looking to the giver
all humankind shall turn to you and live.

Time with the children, appreciating the art works

Kids song: Our God is so big!

*Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty
there's nothing our God cannot do. (x2)*

The mountains are his, the valleys are his
the whole world is under his smile

*Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty
there's nothing our God cannot do.*

Blessing prayer

God, you plant the seed. Spirit, you send living water:

You are our life, our truth and our hope.

Jesus Christ, in you we move and grow and have our being:

You are our life, our truth and our hope.

Lord, bless these precious children with your love. Amen.

Children go out to Kowhai Lounge

Notices

'Art Gallery' time: *As we greet each other with the peace of God this morning, you are invited to move around the church and look at the various works of art on display. How do you see the hand of God through the artist's appreciation of the beauty of the created world?*

Song (on video): Indescribable (by Chris Tomlin)

Bible Readings Robin McKee

1 Kings 19:4-13 (p.360 OT)

Colossians 1:15-20 (p.250 NT)

Sermon: Awe in creation

Time of prayer

Prayer Song (remain seated) 40: I sing the almighty power of God

(tune 56, Amazing grace)

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 and sing:*
Hymn 573: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Closing Hymn 68: Praise my soul the King of heaven

Blessing

Amen, amen, amen (sung)

*Please remain standing as the Bible is processed out.
Thank you for sharing in worship this morning. Please join us for morning tea.*



Healing Service, with Communion, will be held today at 11.30am. At a service of healing we bring to God our own frailty and brokenness. 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.

Next Sunday's service will be led by Hospital Chaplain Sandra Wright-Taylor.

World Vision Sponsorship: A total of \$53.90 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.

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.

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.

Calling all singers...! We thoroughly enjoyed carol singing at Christmas time in local Rest Homes, and we've have asked to come back at Easter time. Would you like to help lead a sing-along session of gospel songs, on Tuesday 16 or Wed 17 April? Please let Elisabeth Cooch or Silvia know.

St Martins Presbyterian Church re-opening!!

Closed since the earthquakes, St Martins has finally completed strengthening their church building, with the grand opening on Sunday 31 March. If you would like to attend the 10am service to represent Cashmere please let the Parish Clerks know. All are welcome at 2.30pm for afternoon tea, tour & speeches.

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	This week –17th March	Next week – 24th March
Door Duty	Ian Gray, Tony Waters, Annette McAdam	Cecile Pierce, Ann Jennings, Robin McKee
Offerings counting	Tony Waters, Ian Gray	Ian French-Wright, Jay Lee
Morning Tea	Cecile pierce, Graham Cook	Judith & Tony Waters
Filter coffee	Kathleen Anderson	
Bible Reading	Robin McKee	Jill McAra
Candle Lighting	Elizabeth Taggart	Robin McKee
Food Trolley	Graham McCormick	Bruce & Shona Lyford

Upcoming Services

24 March	Morning Worship	Sandra Wright-Taylor
31 March	Morning Worship	Silvia Purdie
7 April	Morning Worship	Kathleen Gallagher
14 April	Family Service – Palm Sunday	Silvia Purdie



Tuesday 19 th March	9.00am	Quilts & Crafts
Wednesday 20 th March	10.00am	Forum
Thursday 21 st March	10.00am	Pre-School Music

News from Anne Shave, who is on a 2 month residential scholarship:

Vaughan Park is an Anglican conference centre on the edge of the Long Bay regional park, which is on the North Shore in Auckland. I am settling into routines of writing and exercise and am also appreciating some wonderful cooking, as all my meals are provided here. Vaughan Park overlooks a beautiful beach, and during the warm weather of my first week and a half here it has been lovely to walk along the beach every day and to swim in the sea a few times, too. The water is much warmer than it is in ChCh!

On my first Sunday here some friends took me to Orewa Presbyterian Church, and on my second Sunday I went to an Anglican church that a friend attends in nearby Campbell's Bay. The closest church to Vaughan Park is Anglican, and as I don't have a car here I imagine that will be the church I attend on the Sundays I am here. I will be thinking of you at Cashmere Presbyterian this Sunday, and especially praying for you and those who come to the healing service.