



"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 3rd March 2024

Sermon Series: Living Long in the Land

Theme: Resolutely Purposeful

Preacher: Hamish Galloway



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.

There will be **Sunday School and children's activities** today, led by Janice, for those that wish to participate.

A request to please remember to wear your **Name Badges**. If you do not have one, please leave a note for Gail and she will print one for you.

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

Order of Worship

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

Lighting the Fellowship Candle (*Robin McKee*)

Welcome to Worship

Responsive Psalm (*From Psalm 19, The Message paraphrase*)

God's glory is on tour in the skies,
God-craft on exhibit across the horizon.
Madame Day holds classes every morning,
Professor Night lectures each evening.

³⁻⁴ ***Their words aren't heard,
their voices aren't recorded,
But their silence fills the earth:
unspoken truth is spoken everywhere.***

⁴⁻⁵ God makes a huge dome
for the sun—a superdome!
The morning sun's a new husband
leaping from his honeymoon bed,
The daybreaking sun an athlete
racing to the tape.

⁶ ***That's how God's Word vaults across the skies
from sunrise to sunset,
Melting ice, scorching deserts,
warming hearts to faith.***

⁷⁻⁹ The revelation of GOD is whole
and pulls our lives together.
The signposts of GOD are clear
and point out the right road.
The life-maps of GOD are right,
showing the way to joy.
The directions of GOD are plain
and easy on the eyes.

***God's reputation is twenty-four-carat gold,
with a lifetime guarantee.
The decisions of GOD are accurate
down to the nth degree.***

Opening Hymn 109: Tell out my soul

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Notices

Passing the Peace: *We offer each other the 'right hand of fellowship' as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.*

Children's Time

Song: God is Working His Purposes Out (tune Benson)

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.

Readings (Reader: Karen Glithero)

Ephesians 1: 3-10 (p.238 NT)

Matthew 16: 21-23 (p.24 NT)

Sermon: Resolute and Purposeful

Communion Hymn: O God, You Search me and you know me

1. O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.
2. You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.
3. Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.
4. Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.
5. For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

From Psalm 139
Bernadette Farrell

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer (WOV 676)

Sharing of Bread and Wine

Prayer After Communion

God of manna and mustard seeds,
we came to this Table hungry
and we leave feeling full—

full of hope,
full of promise,
full of what could be.

For we not only found glimpses of you at this Table,
but we caught a glimpse of the way things could be:
in a meal where all are welcomed and all are fed.

Is there anything holier than that?

So thank you for nourishing our curiosity
alongside our spirit and our conviction.

May we always seek you the way you seek after us.

With grateful hearts we pray, amen.

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 and Prayer of Intercession *(please stand)*

Hymn 92: God has Spoken by His Prophets *(Tune Hymn to Joy)*

Benediction

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.



World Vision and Work with Children

On Family Service Sundays we take up a “white bowl” collection to support both our own work with children and youth and the work of World Vision - in particular our sponsored child, Vory Vang in Cambodia.

Family Service is next week, and we are grateful for any donation that you are able to give through this collection.

Lent study group: It’s not too late to join us for the Lent study series, *Gratitude and Grace: Through Lent with John*. The study booklet also includes two bonus studies for after Easter. Meetings are each Thursday at 7:30pm, at Anne Shave’s home. Please speak to Anne if you would like more information.

Think Spring bulbs

Yes, you can order them now and have them ready for planting in your garden and patio pots. Imagine the joy and beauty it will bring to your garden. They also make a nice gift to give away as a birthday present or for celebrating some special occasion. Thank you for your continued support of Cashmere Presbyterian Church Outreach.

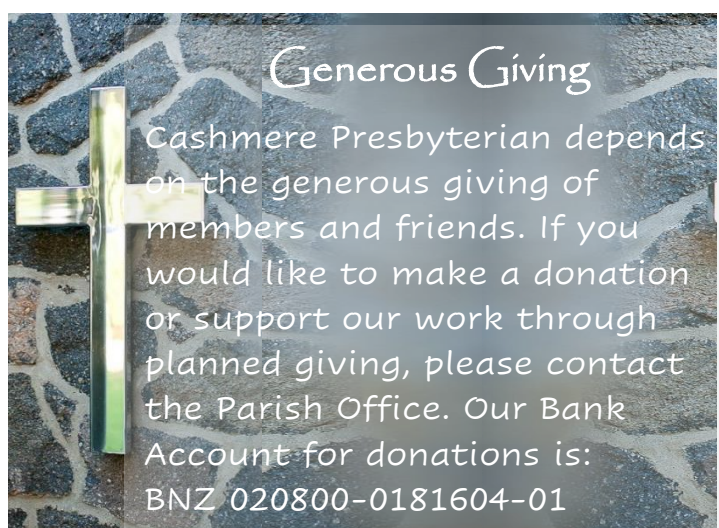
Red Spot Offerings: Red Spot Offerings are where, once a quarter, we invite our members to make an additional offering for a specific purpose to further support our parish. Today is our designated “Red Spot” day for this quarter, and this time we are asking for support for Children’s & Family Ministry.

If you have a Red Spot envelope, you can use that, or write on a blank envelope that it is for this. Donations can also be made by Direct Credit to our bank account (BNZ 02-0800-0181604-00) using reference “Red Spot”.



Monday 4 th March	11.00am	Prayer Group at the Dewar’s home
Tuesday 5 th March	9.00am	Quilts & Crafts Group (Rata Lounge)
	11.00am	Forum (Family Room)
Thursday 7 th March	10.00am	Pre-School Music
Sunday 10 th March	10.00am	Family Service

Church Rosters	This week: 3 rd March	Next week: 10 th March
Door Duty	Robin McKee, Elizabeth Taggart, Annette McAdam	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Karen Glithero
Morning Tea & Coffee	Cecile Pierce, Kathleen Anderson	Jill McAra, Lyn Cordner
Bible Reading	Karen Glithero	Ann Jennings
Candle Lighting	Robin McKee	Niki Davis
Food Trolley	Helen Matthews	Annette McAdam
Money Counting	Gordon Dewar	Annette McAdam

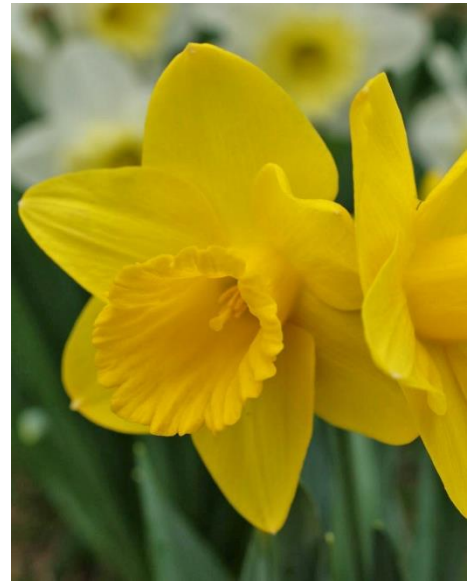




Daffodils – Springtime Mix



Anemone St Brigid (Doubles)



Daffodil - “King Alfred”



Tulips - Mixed



Freesias - Mix



Ranunculus – Rainbow Mix



Dutch Iris – Super Mix



Sweet Pea – Early Multiflora



Sparaxis – Harlequin Mix

AUTUMN FUNDRAISER with SPRING BULBS

Help us grow by beautifying your garden.

Bulb Fundraiser Order Form 2024

Here is a great opportunity to purchase spring flowering bulbs and seeds to show your support. Bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year. We have some great choices here - why not try them all! Bulbs are supplied by GardenPost which source bulbs from New Zealand's & Holland's best growers. We will make a least 30% profit on all sales. A planting guide will be enclosed with each order.

To order please return this form, with your payment, to the church office no later than Friday 22nd March 2024. **Delivery** will be around: 3rd May 2024.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. **Enquiries to: Ken Austin (021 1644848) or the Church Office (332 7129)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Payment can be made in cash or into our bank account with your name as the reference.
Our bank account number is 02-0800-0181604-00

Bulb / Seed Type	Price	Number ordered	Total \$'s
7 Daffodils – King Alfred: The King of all daffodils. Prized for their deep golden and twisted petals that end in a point, they remain the world's favourite daffodil. One of the largest trumpet daffodils with Strong and long-lasting blooms (H40-60cm)	\$11.50		
7 Daffodils – Springtime Mix: An exceptional assortment of superior varieties blended for continual blooming throughout spring. Each top-quality bulb will produce bright, long-lasting, picture-perfect flowers. H40cm	\$11.70		
7 Tulips – Mixed: Spectacular spring flowering bulbs with colourful and attractive cup shaped flowers. Top quality bulbs in a wide colour range will give an unsurpassable garden display. Height 40cm	\$13.20		
7 Freesias Fragrant Single & Double – Mixed: For the true scent of spring try this mix of popular, fragrant Freesias. They will give a long lasting, dazzling display and have long stems for picking. H30cm. Protect from heavy frosts.	\$9.30		
7 Ranunculus – Rainbow Mix: A profusion of fully double, ever so sweet flowers in a wide, vibrant colour range. Large clumps of these showy flowers are hard to beat. Ideal for borders or pots. H30-40cm	\$7.00		
7 Dutch Iris – Super Mix: A selection of the world's most popular Iris. Showy flowers in the garden and long lasting when cut H60-90cm	\$10.30		
7 Sparaxis – Harlequin Mix: Tri-coloured flowers in a whimsical rainbow mix of colours. Will make a bright and playful display in a sunny rockery or border. Easy and reliable plants that will multiply quickly. H25cm.	\$9.80		
7 Anemone – De Caen Mix: Giant poppy shaped flowers in a range of bright colours that float about 30cm above the ground on fern like foliage. Plant in full sun or semi shade.	\$6.00		
Sweet Pea - Early Multiflora - 20 seeds: A vibrant and striking mix of early flowering Heirloom sweet peas. Lavender, pink, purple, white and red flowers all with that old-fashioned intoxicating fragrance. Climber to 2m	\$5.20		
GRAND TOTAL:			