

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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Second Sunday in Lent

Theme: *New Life*  
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, and also in the Family Room (door between the organ & piano).

Whilst Masks are not *required*, we ask you to please respect the decisions of others with regard to whether or not they wear one.

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*

## Lighting the Fellowship Candle (*Cecile Pierce*)

### Welcome to Worship

### Call to Worship (adapted from Ezekiel 36:25-27)

The Lord says,

***“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.***

I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols.

***I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you,***

I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

***And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”***

***Sanctifying Spirit, please move among us as we worship you today.***

### Hymn 674: Alleluia, Alleluia

### Prayers of Praise and Confession

### 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 come to the front*

**All-age time**

### Baptism of Gia Kim

### We will sing Child of Blessing

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| 1. Child of blessing, child of promise,<br>baptized with the Spirit’s sign,<br>with this water God has sealed you,<br>unto love and grace divine. | 3. Child of joy, our dearest treasure,<br>God’s you are, from God you came.<br>back to God we humbly give you;<br>live as one who bears Christ’s name. |
| 2. Child of love, our love’s expression,<br>love’s creation, loved indeed!<br>fresh from God, refresh our spirits,<br>into joy and laughter lead. | 4. Child of God, your loving Parent,<br>learn to listen for God’s call,<br>grow to laugh and sing and worship,<br>trust and love God more than all.    |

**Reading** (*Reader: Clare Shave*)  
**John 3: 1-17**

**Sermon:** New Life

**Hymn:** Now the Green Blade Rises (Tune: Noel Nouvelet)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,  
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,  
By Your touch You call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

**Communion Liturgy Celebrating the Generations**

*Prepared by Rev Dr Jordan Redding for the PCANZ GA22*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Jesus said,  
*let the little children come to me;  
don't stop them;  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*

E te whānau a te Karaiti, family of Christ.  
When we share this meal, we receive the kingdom of God.  
So come, receive it as a little child,  
with open-eyed wonder and sincere trust.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks,  
nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass  
***for salvation comes through new birth.***

Out of nothing, you crafted the heavens and the earth:  
your Spirit brooding, cradling, animating the unformed mass;  
your Word ordering, naming, calling, awaiting creation's response.  
This theatre of your glory in which we live and move and have our being  
is an overflow of your abundant and life giving love.

We give you thanks,  
nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass  
***for salvation comes through new birth.***

Though Sarah was old and barren,  
you chose her as the bearer of your promise to Abraham.  
Through the mothering compassion of Pharaoh's daughter,  
your liberator, Moses, was kept safe from harm,  
like a seed nurtured in hostile soil.

When Israel was lost and overwhelmed by violent forces,  
you chose Hannah who, though barren,  
gave birth to your prophet Samuel.

Time and again, your promises have been fulfilled and expanded  
through the miraculous gift of a child.

And so we praise you,  
nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass  
who brings life from nothingness,  
and who speaks through the generations.

In remembering, we desperately cling to your faithfulness anew.

And so we join our voices now  
with our tīpuna who have paved the way before us  
and our mokopuna who will come after us,  
and indeed with all heaven and earth,  
in the birth-cries of the new creation:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory,***

***hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes***

***in the name of the Lord,***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

We give you thanks,  
nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass  
***for salvation comes through new birth.***

Your promises, carried by the generations of Israel,  
came to fulfilment in Jesus Christ.  
Born of the virgin Mary, he shares our life.  
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us as we are.  
Leading his followers, he guides us.  
Suffering under Pontius Pilate, he bears the judgment of the world.  
Dying on the cross, he rescues us.  
Risen from the dead, he gives new life:  
the firstborn of the new creation.  
Ascended with you, he lifts us into your loving embrace.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

We pray this prayer in Jesus name who taught us to pray singing

**Lord's Prayer** (WOV 676).

**The Words of Institution**

*Communion is shared*

**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*)

**Hymn 658: Let us tongues and talents employ**

**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. We are grateful for any donation that you are able to give through this collection.

**Office available to rent:** The downstairs office in Church House is available for rental as office space from beginning of April (earlier may be possible). Please pass this information on to anyone who you think might be interested.

Sunny, pleasant ground floor office, approx. 22 m<sup>2</sup> overall, with a main outer area separated by glass doors from the inner room.

Rental includes: Power and cleaning; wi-fi may also be available, depending on expected usage. Phone connection is tenants’ own responsibility. Toilets and kitchen shared with other users.

Would suit a small professional business, a charity, or not-for-profit organisation.

For more details contact Gail in the Church Office: (03) 332 7129, or email [cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz)

### **CREST**

The Cashmere Residents Emergency Support Team has been established to provide a community hub as a safe place to share information and help with assistance during a disaster.

The hub will be activated at Cashmere Presbyterian Church, corner of Dyers Pass Road and Macmillan Avenue. Resources will include a portable generator.

Keep in touch with us at

[www.facebook.com/CRESTCashmere?mibextid=ZbWKwL](https://www.facebook.com/CRESTCashmere?mibextid=ZbWKwL)

or email [Cashmereemergencyhub@gmail.com](mailto:Cashmereemergencyhub@gmail.com)

It’s timely to be thinking about how we would share information and look after each other during a community emergency. The Government's Get Ready website ([getready.govt.nz](http://getready.govt.nz)) has information to help you plan and prepare.

### **ICHC Autumn Quarterly Newsletter**

The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy provide spiritual, pastoral, and emotional care to patients and their whānau or support networks. Chaplains listen and provide service to all people regardless of their religious denomination, faith orientation, belief system, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

A copy of their quarterly Newsletter is on the noticeboard, and you can find out more at [www.ichc.org.nz](http://www.ichc.org.nz)



Are you looking for an action-packed programme for your boy? If so, we have is an action-packed programme geared for Young Kiwi Men.

**Boys' Brigade 14<sup>th</sup> Christchurch** is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-18 yrs old. We operate in three sections, Anchor 5-7 years, Adventure Section 8-10 years and Delta Section 11-18 years old. Activities include Crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more. We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham. New members welcome any time, for more info visit our website for more <https://www.14thbb.org.nz/>

If you are interested contact Stephen Gregory Ph/Txt: 027 4371565, email: [admin@14thbb.org.nz](mailto:admin@14thbb.org.nz)

**The Alpine Presbytery Newsletter** is produced weekly, and a copy is on the notice board in the foyer. Speak to Gail if you would like to subscribe to receive it directly.



Monday 6 March	1.45pm	Cashmere Garden Club
Tuesday 7 March	9.00am	Foot Clinic in Rata Lounge
	9.00am	Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
	11.00am	Forum
	7.30pm	Lent Bible Study
Thursday 9 March	10.00am	Pre-School Music
Sunday 12 March	10.00am	Family Service

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week: 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Next week: 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Karen Glithero	Ian Gray, Margaret Ford, Sue Leadbetter
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Jill McAra, Kathleen Anderson	Murray & Patricia Heath
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Clare Shave	Helen Wells
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Cecile Pierce	Robin McKee
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Ian Shaw	Annette McAdam
<b>Money Counting (Monday)</b>	Annette McAdam	Shona Lyford

**Leading Worship over the next few weeks:**

12 March	Anne Shave
19 March	David Coster
26 March	David Coster
2 April	Hamish Galloway

