

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Lent 2**

*Preacher: Barbara Sampson ~ Theme: God's R verbs*

A very warm welcome to you all, and a very special welcome to all who are visiting today; we value your presence and look forward to getting to know you.

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)

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

**Lighting the Fellowship Candle - Barbara**

**Prayer** (*Robin McKee*)

Our gracious and loving God,  
on this second Sunday of Lent we come as your people into your presence,  
so glad that as we can come just as we are.

We come grateful for the freedom that allows us to gather openly.

We come acknowledging our need of your forgiveness and cleansing.

We come asking for your blessing, your grace, your mercy to us once again.

In these moments at the beginning of our service we say - thank you. Amen

**Welcome to worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church - 2nd Sunday in Lent and also a day with a harvest theme.**

**Opening Hymn 59:** We plough the fields and scatter

**Call to Worship:** From Psalm 67

***Let us celebrate the harvest of water, field and tree***

***And sing how God has given all with love to you and me.***

May God be kind to us and bless us.

***May the light of God's face shine on each one of us.***

Let God's ways and his praise be seen on earth.

***Let everyone say thank you to God.***

Let all the nations of the world celebrate your goodness.

**May you guide the nations of the earth and rule the people fairly.**

Let everyone give thanks for God has given us a good harvest.

**God has blessed us with so many good things.**

And may God go on blessing us!

**Let the whole world say thank you.**

**Let us celebrate the harvest of water, field and tree**

**And sing how God has given all with love to you and me.**

Prayer of approach - Barbara

Prayer Song 114: Thank you for giving me the morning (verses 1,3,5,6)

Children come to the front

The alphabet of prayer - whiteboard and pens

Blessing prayer as children go out to their programme

Notices

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

Song: Such Love, Pure As the Whitest Snow

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Such Love, Pure As the Whitest Snow'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with '1. Such love, pure as the whitest snow;'. The second staff continues with 'such love weeps for the shame I know;'. The third staff continues with 'such love, paying the debt I owe;'. The fourth staff concludes with 'O Je - sus, such love.' There are triplets of eighth notes in the first, second, and third staves. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Such love, pure as the whitest snow  
Such love, weeps for the shame I know  
Such love, paying the debt I owe  
O Jesus, such love

Such love, stilling my restlessness  
Such love, filling my emptiness  
Such love, showing me holiness  
O Jesus, such love

Such love, springs from eternity  
Such love, streaming through history  
Such love, fountain of life to me  
O Jesus, such love

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**Bible Readings** (*Ann Jennings*)

Isaiah 40: 28-31 (p.701 OT)

1 John 4:7-19 (p. 300 NT)

**Sermon:** God's R verbs

**Reflection:** You raise me up CD

**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*)

**Prayers for others** (*from prayer notebook*)

**The Lord's Prayer** - with actions

**Closing Hymn:** Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Chorus: Great is your faithfulness, great is your faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see,  
All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and seed-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Chorus*
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.. *Chorus*

## 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.*



## Rosters

In the next couple of weeks I will be preparing the Rosters for the period beginning 5<sup>th</sup> April. It would be great to have a few more volunteers to take turns with Door Duty, Morning Tea, Candle Lighting and Bible Readings – the more people we have, the less often you end up doing a duty! If you are prepared to help, please let me know, and also please advise if there are any dates you are not available. *Gail*

## Donation Rebates

In January we received a Donation Rebate directly from the IRD. Unfortunately, the only reference is the person's IRD number, and it is not one that we have a record of. If you think this might relate to your Donation Rebate claim, please contact Gail and let her know your IRD number, so that we can record the donation against your name, and include the amount in the annual receipts to be issued next month.

**Alpine Presbytery Gathering:** 27—29 March, St David's Union Church Ashburton  
Presbytery Gatherings are open to anyone. For more details see the Presbytery Newsletter - which is on the notice board - or speak to Gail or visit the website: [alpinepresbytery.org/events/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/events/)

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week – 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Next week – 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Tony Waters, Kathleen Anderson	Elisabeth Cooch, Jill McAra, Cath Dale
<b>Offerings counting</b>	Tony Waters, Colin Reid	Ian Gray, David Kim
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Graham Cook, Jill McAra	Lyn Cordner, Noelene Kent
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Ann Jennings	Annette McAdam
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Robin McKee	Joyce Lockhart
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Helen Matthews	Peter & Tric Nelson

## Upcoming Services

15 March	Morning Worship	Anne Shave
	11.30am Healing Service	Anne Shave
22 March	Morning Worship	Hugh Perry
29 March	Morning Worship	Anne Shave