

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 25th November 2018 Reign of Christ the King

Theme: Christ The Divine Ruler Within Us All

Preacher: Hugh Perry

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.

The *Family Room* is at the front left of the church, and those with younger children are welcome to use this, or to stay in the service, as they choose.

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 of the Fellowship Candle (*Joyce Lockhart*)

Prayer

Opening Hymn 505: Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

Call to Worship *Derived from Frederick A. Styles Worship For An Easter People 'Volume 4' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1990) p. 1-3*

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Eternal God,

We open our worship this morning in praise and gratitude for this universe that proclaims the sovereignty of its creator.

We are in awe of the divine sovereignty that extends from the smallest particle to the vast distances that stretch across the galaxies from eternity to eternity.

Through creation's laws each atom knows its place, and every wave and particle respond to the order that surrounds us all.

Humanity is called from among earth's creatures to its unique place in life's order while the Spirit inspires poets, prophets and leaders to guide the minds of folk to new understanding and possibilities.

As people created slavery for themselves and others the divine presence liberates them calling humanity to migrations upon migration across the globe. As fear and imagining created gods of imperial remoteness divinity came into the human community as Jesus Christ who walks beside us in our living, cradles our fear and pain in our dying, and rises above us in a resurrection of new possibilities.

Through the Risen Christ we are all invited into the partnership of the ongoing divine project that brings into being the Realm of Christ.

Lament

But people do not always respond positively to the gifts that surround them.

Fear overpowers the spark of divine empathy within folk blotting out the example of the Christ who lived within human history.

People confuse justice with retribution, becoming anxious and afraid of neighbours who seem so different that they appear difficult to love.

Humanity regularly fails to acknowledge the divine sovereignty over all creation, preferring to plunder the resources of our planet.

People continually seek security in wealth and excess enslaving themselves to empty ideologies that continually place hope in an abstract future leadership yet quickly becoming disgruntled with the leaders they have.

Together we seek forgiveness for humanities failings and look for the call to live within the divine realm of Grace. Amen

Words of Assurance.

The God we image in Jesus Christ is the eternal authority of new beginnings, through which are always accepted and made new.

Thanks be to God

Notices

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

Hymn 81: The King of love my Shepherd is

Readings (*Reader: Helen Leadbetter*)

John 18: 33-37 (p.142 NT)

Revelations 1: 4-8 (p.307 NT)

Sermon

Offering

Dedication of the offering (*please stand*)

Prayers for others

Sung Lord's Prayer (676)

Hymn: Where mountains rise to open skies

1. Where mountains rise
to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

2. Your people's heart,
your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

3. From broken word,
from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design
to feel creation's energy.

4. Your love be know,
compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

5. Where mountains rise
to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Commissioning and benediction with sung amen



Special Appeal

As you know, we showed a considerable deficit for the year ended 30 June 2018, and our Budget for the current year indicates another deficit. If you are able to assist with reducing our deficits by making an extra donation please use one of the Special Appeal envelopes. These are available today, or speak with Tony Waters

Cashmere Connection

For our end-of-year edition of the Cashmere Connection we have done a print edition, and these are now available to be delivered. Please check the table at the back of the church and take your bundle for delivery.

Handel's Messiah

Sunday 16 December 2018, 2pm, at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. With the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Choir & Orchestra. Programme Donation \$20 & \$15

Alpine Presbytery Weekly Newsletter: a copy of the newsletter is placed on the notice board each week. If you would like to subscribe to receive this directly by email, please let Gail know.

<i>Church Rosters</i>	<i>This week – 25th November</i>	<i>Next week – 2nd December</i>
Door Duty	Tric & Peter Nelson Robin McKee	Warren & Andrea Campbell Chris Wright
Offerings counting	Peter Nelson, Jay Lee	Warren & Andrea Campbell
Morning Tea	Judith & Tony Waters	Tric & Peter Nelson
Filter coffee	Helen Leadbetter	Rosemary Troughton
Bible Reading	Jill McAra	Annette McAdam
Candle Lighting	Joyce Lockhart	
Food Trolley	Bruce & Shona Lyford	Lorraine Murphy

Upcoming Services

2 nd December	Advent Communion Service	Silvia Purdie
9 th December	Children's Nativity Service, followed by Christmas Brunch	Silvia Purdie
16 th December	Service of Christmas Music	Silvia Purdie
	11.30am Healing Service	Silvia & Anne
	5pm Carols in the Garden	