

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 7th November 2021
Pentecost 24

Preacher: David Coster

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 after the service.

During the current Covid19 alert level, please **wear a mask during the service**, but do not put on your **Name Badge** (just something else to clean!). **Freewill Offerings** should be placed in the bag next to the name badges as we will not be passing the offering bag around during the service. Or you may wish to donate by direct credit to our bank account (details at end of Bulletin).

All Hymn words, and the Bible Readings, are printed in the Bulletin – please do not use the books in the pews.

Order of Worship

Please stand as the Bible is processed in.

Fellowship Candle (*Elisabeth Cooch*)

Call to worship

Let us open our hearts, our minds, and our eyes to see the generous gifts of God
and respond with praise and thanksgiving

We sing Here in this place new light is streaming (*tune CH4 623*)

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
gather us in – the blind and the lame:
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Marty Haugen

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Greeting

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, with all whom you love, and all whom you pray for here this day.

And may the grace and peace of our Lord be with you also.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Notices

Passing the Peace: *We offer each other an acknowledgement as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.*

Time with the children

We sing: As the deer pants for the water

1. As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.*

2. I love you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.
3. You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are the king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything.

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Introduction to the Readings (Reader: Janice Lee)

Mark 12: 38-44: Sitting in the Temple, opposite the Treasury, Jesus uses the occasion to teach his disciples the difference between pride and humility.

³⁸ As he taught them, he said, "Watch out for the teachers of the Law, who like to walk around in their long robes and be greeted with respect in the

marketplace, ³⁹ who choose the reserved seats in the synagogues and the best places at feasts. ⁴⁰ They take advantage of widows and rob them of their homes, and then make a show of saying long prayers. Their punishment will be all the worse!"

⁴¹ As Jesus sat near the Temple treasury, he watched the people as they dropped in their money. Many rich men dropped in a lot of money; ⁴² then a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins, worth about a penny. ⁴³ He called his disciples together and said to them, "I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. ⁴⁴ For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had—she gave all she had to live on."

Prayer of illumination

Address: Everything she had!

We sing Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.
2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name

Offering: *Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ, and donations for the City Mission foodbank, will be dedicated. If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand to join in the prayer of dedication.*

Offertory Prayer

Bless these gifts our God and help us to use them for the sharing of your love and the proclaiming Good News to our community and world through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together, Our Father...

Prayers for ourselves and others

We sing Faith has set us on a journey

1. Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us "Go!"

2. Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.

3. Some are swags of easy conscience
who with others hitch a ride,
some are tourist-package Christians,
dollar-safe, with Book and guide.

4. There are others on this journey –
those who long and pray and search,
heave the stones to free the structures,
love the Christ and leave the Church.

5. We are this unlikely people
in the Body knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples –
some are wise and some can run.

6. Prophets are our travel agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:
for the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.

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Benediction

Threefold Amen

*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.*

Moderator Update

Thank you, Cashmere folk, for your ongoing interest, support and prayers in my moderator role. To update you on what is happening:

- The meetings last week in Wellington with leaders of other churches and religions in NZ was interesting and inspiring.
- This week I have been very involved in responding to questions about COVID, vaccinations and what the traffic light system will mean for churches. The national church is working on good messaging around this.
- This weekend I am in Hawkes Bay meeting with ministers and preaching at St Andrew's Hastings on Sunday and Lindisfarne College on Monday. I will be having lunch with Dorothy Thawley on Sunday!
- It such a joy to have David Coster on the ministry team to cover for me while doing moderatorial things.

Hamish



Cashmere Connection: We are aiming to have the next edition of the Cashmere Connection available by 19th November. Please have any items for inclusion to the office by Monday 15th November.



Our next Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday 10th November**, 10.30am, at the food court area in The Colombo. All welcome.

Women's retreat Saturday 27th November 9am-4pm: This retreat will be held at the former Greenpark Primary School near Lincoln. The day will include time for conversation, individual reflection and personal prayer. A resource book and lunch will be provided. For catering purposes, we will need to know nearer the time if you intend to come. Please speak to Anne Shave if you have any questions at this point.

Laidlaw College On Campus Open Night - 17 November 2021

Are you wanting to deepen your faith or prepare for ministry? Or are you sensing a call to inspire young people with a love of learning as a primary or secondary school teacher? Or to serve others through healing hearts, minds and relationships as a counsellor?

You are invited to reflect more on these questions at the Laidlaw College Open Night.

Where: Christchurch Campus, 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui

When: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Cost: FREE & open to the public

Register at: <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/open-night-nov-chch-2021/>

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.

Church Rosters	This week: 7th November	Next week: 14th November
Door Duty	Ian Gray, Margaret Ford, Kathleen Anderson	Robin McKee, Cath Dale, Helen Wells
Morning Tea & Coffee	Annette McAdam & Barbara Palmer	Noelene Kent, Lyn Cordner
Bible Reading	Janice Lee	
Candle Lighting	Elisabeth Cooch	
Food Trolley	Ian Shaw	Annette McAdam
Money Counting (Monday)	Bruce McAlister	Annette McAdam

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

14 th November	Martin Stewart
21 st November	David Coster
28 th November	Anne Shave
5 th December	David Coster



Generous Giving

Cashmere Presbyterian depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact the Parish Office. Our Bank Account for donations is:

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