

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 17th October 2021

Theme: Focused
Preacher: Hamish Galloway



We welcome all who are able to join with us today for Worship.

We will have Morning Tea today after the Service, and would love for you to join us if you feel comfortable doing so.

However, **Freewill Offerings** should still 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).

Name Badges: at present we ask you not to use your name badges, as it is just something else to be cleaned!

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.

Lighting the Fellowship Candle (*Elizabeth Taggart*)

Welcome to Worship

Opening Hymn: Let us sing to the God of Salvation (WOV 115)

1. Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock;
let us come to his house with thanksgiving,
let us come before the Lord and sing!

*Praise our maker, praise our saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting king:
every throne must bow before him
God is Lord of everything!*

2. In his hand are the earth's deep places,
and the strength of the hills is his;
all the sea is the Lord's, for he made it,
by his hand the dry land was formed.
3. Let us worship the Lord our maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of his pasture,
he will guide us by his powerful hand.
4. Let today be the time when you hear him!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion
as his people did in time of old.

Prayers of Praise and Confession

We will sing the Lord's Prayer (WOV 676)

Our Father in heaven,
holy be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not put us to the test,

but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory
are yours now and for ever.
Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen, amen, amen, amen.

Notices

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

Bible Readings (reader: Jill Fenton)

Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ For this reason we have always prayed for you, ever since we heard about you. We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will, with all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives. ¹⁰ Then you will be able to live as the Lord wants and will always do what pleases him. Your lives will produce all kinds of good deeds, and you will grow in your knowledge of God. ¹¹⁻¹² May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to^[a] the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ by whom we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven.

Matthew 6: 16-24

Fasting

¹⁶ "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Eye Health

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy,^[a] your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Children come to the front

All-age time and ordination of Jay Lee, Janice Lee, Kathleen Anderson and Joyce McDonald-Lockhart as elders

Prologue (based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

There are many gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who give them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

but it is the same God whose purposes are achieved through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

to use it for the common good.

We have the joy of using our gifts as members of the Church of Christ, which is his body continuing his ministry in the world today.

Those who are chosen for the office of eldership are asked to seek the fruit of God’s Word in people’s lives, to care for God’s people and encourage them in the Faith, and to exercise spiritual oversight and leadership within the congregation.

Hymn: Just As I Am (WOV 497)

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come!
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind;
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come!

4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!
5. Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come!
6. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Sermon: Focused

Hymn: Seek ye first the kingdom of God

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!
Hallelu hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelu hallelujah!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!
3. Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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.*

Dedication of the offering (*please stand*)

Prayers for others

Hymn: I am the Light of the World

I am the Light of the World

You people come and follow me.

If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home.
The work of Christmas is begun!
2. To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal that broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below the sky above!
3. To free the prisoner from his chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,
To call a man your brother everywhere.
4. To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old man's heart,
And sing to the colours of the earth!

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.*



Thank You!

A big thank you to all who helped with the Plantarama yesterday. This is always an important event for our fundraising each year, and we could not do it without all of you. We may be able to give an interim result this morning.

Healing Service, with Communion, will be held today at 11.30am. In every act of worship, the Church celebrates the grace of God who desires wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all people. At a service of healing, we focus on that aspect of God's character. We bring to God our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world. Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death. All are welcome to attend this service.

Women's retreat Saturday 27th November: This retreat for women from our parish will be held at the former Greenpark Primary School near Lincoln. It will be based on a small book called "Encountering God," by Salvation Army Major Barbara Sampson (who has preached at Cashmere Presbyterian several times). The day will include time for conversation, individual reflection and personal prayer. Lunch is provided, so for catering purposes we will need to know nearer the time if you intend to come. Do think about doing so. Please speak to Anne Shave if you have any questions at this point.

Merging Traditions

Art exhibition in the Knox Centre Hall, 28 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch.

11am-3pm each day from 16—25 October. Free Entry

Delight your eyes, your heart, your spirit with a visit to a wonderfully colourful and stimulating art exhibition created by Sue Spigel (fabric artist) and Galina Kim (painter). The two artists have combined their talents to produce a stunning series of panels on the theme of Merging Traditions.

First displayed in the Christchurch Cathedral several years before the earthquakes this fascinating exhibition is now coming to the Knox Centre Hall for just one week.

Volunteers Needed for Senior Day Programmes

Presbyterian Support Upper South Island operates Day programmes for older people in the Riccarton and Linwood areas. These programmes provide friendship, entertainment, activities and a midday meal for older people. The Volunteers assist at the Day Programmes and help with the programme which includes assisting with

the activities and kitchen duties. There are also roles for Volunteers to assist on the Mini Vans to take clients to and from the programme.

For more information about volunteering at their Day Programmes, please phone Roni Jordan on 03 261 2889

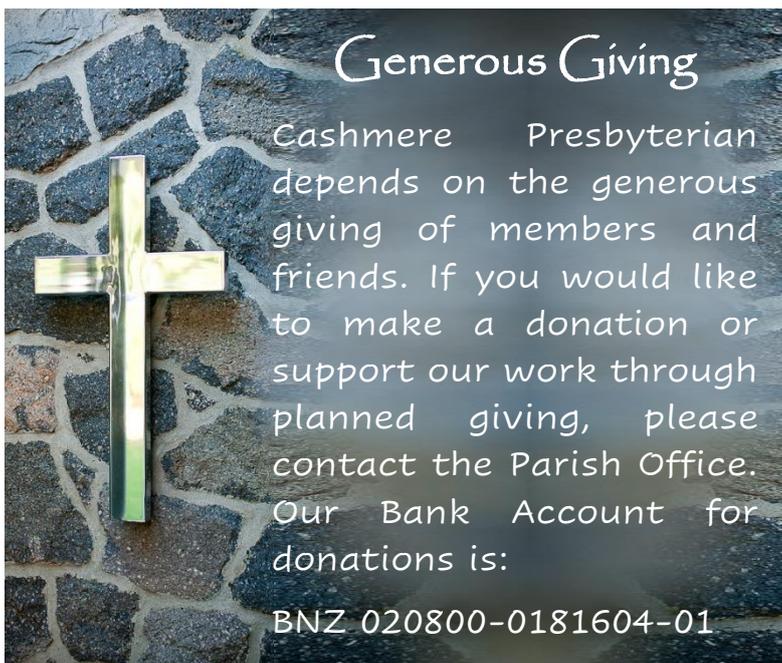
The Alpine Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is on the

Church Rosters	This week: 17th October	Next week: 24th October
Door Duty	Kathleen Anderson, Barbara White, Annette McAdam	Warren & Andrea Campbell, Jill Fenton
Morning Tea & Coffee	Cath Dale, Janet Aldridge	Elizabeth & Don Cho
Bible Reading	Jill Fenton	Helen Matthews
Candle Lighting	Elizabeth Taggart	Shirley Wilson
Food Trolley	Elisabeth Cooch	Jill McAra
Money Counting (Monday)	Anne Shave	Rouie Swan

notice board in the foyer. Speak to Gail if you would like to subscribe to receive it directly.

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

24 th October	Anne Shave
31 st October	David Coster
7 th November	David Coster
14 th November	Martin Stewart



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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