

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 3rd September 2023

Pentecost 14

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.

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.

There will be **Sunday School and children's activities** today, led by Janice, for those that wish to participate.

A request to 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

Please stand as the Bible is processed in.

Fellowship Candle (*Elizabeth Taggart*)

Call to worship

O God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here.

We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there.

We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you;
our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you;
Our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you;
our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you as we worship you this day

We sing: Be still for the presence of the Lord

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found -
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him -
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J Evans

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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

God of all earth and sky,
You shaped us from your own ground into being,
You breathed spirit into our souls,
You breathed word into our ears.
You meet us in unexpected places
calling us to turn aside and hear your Holy voice.

Here we are, Holy God:

open, waiting,

hoping to meet you and to know you more deeply, more fully, more wholly, through Jesus Christ, your son, our lord.

Merciful God, For the things we have done that we regret, ***forgive us.***
For the things we have failed to do that we regret, ***forgive us.***

For all the times we have acted without love, ***forgive us.***
For all the times we have reacted without thought, ***forgive us.***
For all the times we have failed to forgive, ***forgive us.***
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret.

Words of assurance

Jesus Christ has walked this life before us and looks on us with eyes of kindness and understanding. Those who come in humble faith are offered forgiveness and grace.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Notices

We pass the peace of Christ to each other.

Time with the children

We sing: I am who I am *Tune: St Denio WOV 80*

1. "I am who I am, I will be who I will,
unfettered Creator and creating still!"
In such words of freedom, our God's clarion voice
speaks loudly or softly, and our hearts rejoice.
2. "I am who I am!" now in this time and place.
God with us! Christ with us! the fullness of grace!
Each day is exciting, with justice our goal,
the Spirit igniting new flames in the soul.
3. "I am who I am!" – God both faithful and free;
unbound by tradition, "I'll be who I'll be."
"I will be who I will be" – God beyond thought,
unshackled by anything people have wrought.
4. God's names are so varied: Rock, eagle, and Dove,
Messiah, Emmanuel, Wisdom and Love.
Yet all are reflections of only a part.
"I will be who I will be" – that is the heart!

Jane Parker Huber, 1995

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Introduction to the Reading (Reader: Annette McAdam)

Exodus 3:1-15 (p.61 OT): Moses stands in awe before a bush that bursts into flame but is not consumed by the fire. From the bush comes a voice, calling Moses to lead his people out of slavery.

Matthew 16: 21-28 (p.24 NT): At this time Jesus shocks his disciples by telling them that “he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed.”

Prayer before the Sermon

Sermon: Oddities in life!

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.

Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions – signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of he who offered himself for us – Jesus Christ our Lord Our Father... (sung 676)

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper

We sing 533: I come with joy to meet my Lord *Tune 141 University*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Institution

.....And with all your followers, we sing with the angels;

Holy, holy, holy God

Of all 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 our God,

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Grant us peace.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

We sing 480: Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

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.*



The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 10th September**, after Morning Worship. Printed copies of the Annual Report are available in the main foyer, or you can also view it on our website's "News" page.

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.

Family Service is next week, and we are grateful for any donation that you are able to give through this collection.

Church Life Survey

So far we have only had 13 responses to this survey, so a plea to you all to please complete one. Whilst there are a lot of questions *there is no requirement to answer them all!* The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.

Our preferred option is for you to complete it online (which has options for languages other than English), using either the QR code or by following this link:

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01GZ04QEVXYA3WQJ9MWSHSM6CE/en>.

There are a few printed copies available; if you complete one of these please leave it for Gail to process.



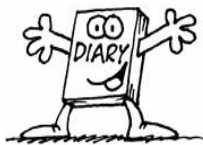
Rosters for the four months starting 24th September will be prepared soon. Please let me know whether you are happy to continue on the rosters, and any dates you are not available.

New helpers would be welcome! If you are not already but would be willing to go on to one or more of the rosters, please let me know. Details of the duties are below, to give you an idea of what you would be signing up for!

Contact Gail in the church office – ph 332 7129, email cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz

Duty	Brief overview of tasks involved
Door Duty	Arrive by 9.30am; ensure heaters, lights, sound system etc are on; greet people at the doors and hand out the Bulletins; take up the offerings; tidy up and close up at the end of the service
Morning Tea	Set up before the service starts; be ready to serve the tea/coffee etc. straight after the service; tidy up and put away at the end.
Bible Reading	Read the allocated Bible passages during the service
Candle Lighting	Read out the prayer during the lighting of the fellowship candle
Food Trolley	Collect the food offerings on the Sunday, or early in the week, and take them to the City Mission
Money Counting	Monday or Tuesday mornings, around 10am, sit with Gail whilst she counts the Offerings from Sunday.

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 4 September	1.45pm	Cashmere Garden Club
Tuesday 5 September	9.00am	Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
	11.00am	Forum
Thursday 7 September	10.00am	Pre-School Music
Sunday 10 September	10.00am	Family Service followed by AGM

Church Rosters	This week: 3 rd September	Next week: 10 th September
Door Duty	Elisabeth Cooch, Karen Glithero, Tony Waters	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Margaret Ford
Morning Tea & Coffee	Peter & Tric Nelson	Noelene Kent, Lyn Cordner
Bible Reading	Annette McAdam	Gordon & Jean Dewar
Candle Lighting	Elizabeth Taggart	Kathleen Anderson
Food Trolley	Ian Shaw	David Troughton
Money Counting	David Troughton	tbc

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

10 September	Hamish Galloway
17 September	David Coster
24 September	Anne Shave
1 October	David Coster

