

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 1st December 2024 Advent 1 Hope - Prophecy Candle

*Theme: Prophecy - Fulfilled and
Foreshadowed*

Preacher: Hamish Galloway



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

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in
Congregational responses are in bold italics*

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope (*Elisabeth Cooch*)

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here - the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 25)

We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future

We gather in hope and anticipation

Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

Guide our every move, Holy One,

that we may walk in your paths of hope, love and mercy.

Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

Together, let us worship God

Hymn 193: O come, O come Emmanuel

Prayers of Praise and Confession

Notices

Passing the Peace

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

Children's time

Readings (*Reader: Helen Wells*)

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (p.768 OT)

Luke 21: 25-36 (p.110 NT)

Hymn 200: Come, thou long expected Jesus

Sermon: Prophecy - Fulfilled and Foreshadowed

Solo: Hope of the Nations sung by Simon Hoare

Communion Hymn 213: O What a Gift

Communion Liturgy:

May you know that the God of comfort is with you.

And may you see the God of hope with you.

Open wide our anxious hearts!

We open them to God's peace.

Let us give thanks and share our joy.

In this space and time, we offer God our love and praise.

Prayer of thanksgiving

The dawn of hope rests on the horizon

And beams of love reach our doubting hearts.

We celebrate the newness of this season-

Waiting to see how the Christ will appear in our world.

Even in our despair, a glimmer of hope reaches into our twilight

Beckoning us to breathe and wait...

We will sing:

He is Lord, He is Lord.

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord

Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord

Lord's Prayer (WOV 676)

Offering: *Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ will be received. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley. We give thanks for all the ways in which this parish is supported – with talents and time, and with financial gifts by cash or electronically. 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.*

Dedication of the offering (*please stand*)

Song: Faith, Hope and Love

Faith, hope and love – this is what we long for.

Faith, hope and love – this is what we need.

Faith, hope and love – this is what we cry for.

Oh, teach us how to live.

Trust in the Truth – this is what we long for.

Trust in the Truth – this is what we need.

Trust in the Truth – this is what we cry for.

Oh, teach us how to live.

Patience within...

Freedom for all...

Faith, hope and love...

This song was written in 1994 by Trisha Watts.

Benediction (1 Thessalonians 3: 12-13)

As you we from here,

***may God flood our lives with a deep love for one another,
and for all people.***

***And may God keep our hearts strong, blameless and holy,
as we together wait for the day when our Lord Jesus will appear again.***

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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

(No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted)

Judy, Craig & Miranda, Garrett & Jayne, and their Families wish to sincerely thank families and friends for their unwavering support and love in their sad loss of David. Your prayers, flowers, cards, messages and visits were all extremely appreciated. Thank you also to all who attended the memorial service for David. Sincere thanks to Hamish Galloway for conducting the service in such a caring and wonderful manner, and also to Tim Emerson for such a beautiful family requested musical tribute which reflected David's love of Jazz.

Congregational Meeting today:

At the end of today's service there will be a short congregational meeting to vote on the recommendation from the Parish Council that Karen Glithero become an elder.



The last Coffee morning for the year will be on **Monday 9th December**, 10.30am, at Nazareth House café. All welcome to join us there.

Christmas Eve

The church will be open during the day on Christmas Eve for prayer and remembrance. Please speak to Kathleen Anderson if you would like to be on the roster to spend a quiet hour in the church, keeping an eye on the candles. (This can be a lovely experience.) Thank you.

Supporting our Communities

Presbyterian Support have again this year asked whether we are able to support one of their day programmes for people who have early onset dementia by providing a small treat for some of the people who attend. The chocolates we gave last year went down very well, so we are again asking for some donations of boxes of Roses chocolates which can then be divided up into appropriate amounts for each recipient. If you can donate a box, please leave them either in the basket provided or at the office by 9th December.

Rosters

We could do with more volunteers, most especially for Door Duty and Morning Tea. 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 – but feel free to ask anyone currently doing those duties what is involved.

The rosters **will be prepared next week** for the three months starting 15 December. Those already on the rosters, can you please let me know (1) whether you are happy to continue on the rosters, and which ones, and (2) any dates you are not available. 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 mornings, around 10am, sit with Gail whilst she counts the Offerings from Sunday.

Fundraising Concert at St Barnabas - Monday 9th December

All are welcome to enjoy a beautiful evening of romantic music performed by violinist Rose Light and pianist Gabriel Baird. Mon 9 Dec 7:30pm at St Barnabas Anglican

Church, 8 Tūi St ChCh. Rose and Gabriel are two of Christchurch's most outstanding young musicians and have been performing together since 2021. This recital will include favourites by Tchaikovsky, Mozart and Bach, as well as soul-warming folk and tango music.

This event is a fundraiser for Rose to continue studying violin at university in Austria. She is returning to NZ in December to compete as a Semi Finalist in the National String Competition and is delighted to be able to perform this concert at home before the competition.

Previous concerts by these performers have sold out - we strongly encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance on Eventfinda so you don't miss out. Remaining tickets will be available in cash at the door. Adult \$25, Student \$10.

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/rose-light-and-gabriel-baird-recital/christchurch>

Please contact +64 22 494 8269 for assistance with ticket purchases, or if you need a wheelchair accessible seating place.



Monday 2 nd December	11.00am	Prayer Group
	1.45pm	Cashmere Garden Club
Tuesday 3 rd December	9.00am	Quilts & Crafts Group
	11.00am	Forum
Thursday 5 th December	10.00am	Pre-School Music
Sunday 8 th December	10.00am	Family Service

Church Rosters	This week: 1st December	Next week: 8th December
Door Duty	Karen Glithero, Ken Austin, Margaret Ford	Ian Gray, Robin McKee, Ira
Morning Tea & Coffee	David & Jane Kim	Judith & Tony Waters
Bible Reading	Helen Wells	Robin McKee
Candle Lighting	Elisabeth Cooch	Niki Davis
Food Trolley	Jill McAra	Niki & Tim Davis
Money Counting	Shona Lyford	



Generous Giving

Cashmere Presbyterian depends on the generous giving of members and friends. It is by your grace that we can continue to serve our community. If you would like to make a donation, our Bank Account number is: BNZ 020800-0181604-01

If you would like to discuss planned giving (either by automatic payment or through the envelope system), please contact the Parish Office.

Fire Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation procedure for when Church is in use for Worship Services:

Should the automatic fire alarm sound:

- Minister to take overall control of the situation and act as Warden (using Warden armband) and liaise with the Fire Service.
- Minister and organist to direct evacuation from front of church. Minister then proceeds to bus shelter to receive reports from others.
- First two named people on door duty list for that week to direct evacuation from rear of church – one through main door, one through foyer.
- Other(s) on door duty use handheld fire fighting equipment, *if safe to do so*, and to then go outside to direct people to the designated place of safety
- Property Convenor (if present) to call 111 from a safe phone, otherwise Minister to delegate this responsibility to an appropriate person.
- Ensure all buildings are empty. This duty to be carried out by a responsible person delegated by the Minister at the time of the incident.

Evacuation Routes:

Church:

1. **exit via choir room/family room** at left front of church (door between organ & piano) to the deck outside, proceed round rear of Church or Church House to Cashmere Green
2. **exit via office** at right front of church (door before pulpit). Proceed across road to Cashmere Green.
3. **exit via main Church entrance** towards rear of church. Proceed across road to Cashmere Green.
4. **exit via door at rear of church into the foyer** of the office/lounge area, then through main foyer door and across road to Cashmere Green.

Rata Lounge:

1. **exit by main entrance**, through foyer, out through main foyer door and across road to Cashmere Green.
2. **exit by side door** (opposite main door, under “lean-to” area) to rear lawns. Proceed round rear of Church House to Cashmere Green

Christmas in Cashmere



ADVENT COMMUNION

Sunday 1st December @ 10am

FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE

Sunday 8th December @ 10am, followed by a shared lunch/family BBQ. Bring a plate of finger food to share, if you are able.

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday 15th December @ 6pm

Community carols in the open air. An event for all ages, with music from the Steadfast Band—corner Dyers Pass Road & Macmillan Ave. Bring rugs and a picnic. (In the church if wet)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24th December

Light a Candle in Remembrance

The church will be open during the day for personal prayer, remembrance and contemplation

Midnight Watch Candlelight Service

Commencing at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Wednesday 25th December @ 9.30am

All-age family friendly celebration