

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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Saying goodbye your way

Sunday 24th November 2024 Reign of Christ the King

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

Please stand as the Bible is processed in

Fellowship Candle (*Robin McKee*)

Call to worship

Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass,
God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:

God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:
God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.
We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.
God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

We sing 163: Crown him with many crowns (*Women V3; Men V4*)

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

Almighty God, from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people.

Your reign is in our midst, God of all people.

Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; may your hope lead us always in your path.

Spirit of gentleness, you are in our very midst.

Prayer of confession

While there are many with power in our world – power to hurt us, power to hire or fire us, power to control us – God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we fear the power of the world, and welcome the power of God's grace.

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. When we choose the lies of the world,
your word is not on our lips.

When we choose independent and isolated lives,
we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others.

When we choose to exalt the powerful of our day,
we are unable to follow the One whose way gives us life.
Forgive us, God. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly.

Words of Assurance

Shout for joy, children of God. The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, renews you.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Notices

Mithila to sing I do not know tomorrow's way

We pass the peace of Christ to each other.

We sing: Shine Jesus shine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:
*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!*
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Graham Kendrick
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Introduction to the Readings (*Reader: Ann Jennings*)

Revelation 1:4-8 (p.307 NT): The Revelation opens with a grand acclamation of the Lordship of Christ, the one who creates kings and priests and rules over all.

John 18:33-37 (p.142 NT): Pilate sits in judgment upon the prisoner, Jesus, snidely asking him, "Are you king of the Jews?" In this fateful encounter, the power of the government meets the power of Christ.

Prayer before the Sermon

Sermon: Who rules?

We sing: I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

1. I cannot tell why he whom angels worship
should set his love upon our wayward world,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wanderers
to bring them back into his flock and fold.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured
and so the saviour, saviour of the world has come.

2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
nor how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden
for still the saviour, saviour of the world is here.

3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the saviour, saviour of the world is known.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all our hearts with love for him are filled.
But this I know, the skies will sound his praises
and myriad, myriad human voices sing
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth will answer
"At last the saviour, saviour of the world is king."

Words by William Fullerton
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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

From the beginning, you have blessed us with gifts beyond imagination, Creator of all. Until the end, may we share from your abundance, offering to you our thanksgiving and our gifts as healing, as hope, as joy for all in the world through Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray..

Lord's Prayer (676) sung

Our prayers for ourselves and others.

We sing: Sing of Andrew

1. Sing of Andrew, John's disciple,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till the Baptist cried at Jordan,
'There behold the Lamb of God.'
Stirred by hearing this new teacher,
Andrew, freed from doubt and fear,
ran to tell his brother Simon,
'God's Anointed One is here!'
2. Sing of Andrew, called by Jesus
from the shores of Galilee,
leaving boats and nets and kindred,
trusting in that 'Follow me.'
When a boy's small meal fed
thousands,
when inquiring Greeks found care,
when the Spirit came in blessing -
Andrew faithfully was there.
3. Sing of Andrew, bold apostle,
sent to make the gospel known,
faithful to his Lord's example,
called to make a cross his own.
So may we who prize his memory
honour Christ in our own day,
bearing witness to our neighbours,
living what we sing and pray.

Carl P.Daw, Jr (b 1944)

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Benediction

Threefold Amen

We sing: Go gently, go lightly

1. Go gently, go lightly,
go safe in the Spirit,
live simply, don't carry
much more than you need:
go trusting God's goodness,
go spreading God's kindness,
stay centred on Jesus
and where he will lead.
2. Go singing, go bringing
the gifts of the Spirit,
go hopefully searching
for things that are true:
in living, in loving,
whatever befalls you,
God keep you, God bless you
in all that you do.

Shirley Erena Murray

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*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.*

Music for Worship, 24 December

Prelude: *Chaconne from violin Partita Nr 2 in d minor J. S Bach.* Arranged for piano by Ferruccio Busoni. Bars 1-137.

Processional: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

Offertory: *Chaconne from violin Partita Nr 2 in d minor J. S Bach.* Arranged for piano by Ferruccio Busoni. Bars 138-166.

Postlude: *Chaconne from violin Partita Nr 2 in d minor J. S Bach.* Arranged for piano by Ferruccio Busoni. Bars 166-262.

In 1720, Bach arrived home from a stint of working at the Carlsbad Spa for Prince Leopold, only to discover his wife (Maria Barbara) had died and had been already buried. He had four motherless bairns to care for. This piece was written at that devastating time, and although musicians did not express emotion in those days, the Italian Busoni has zoomed in on it in such a way that the amplified implicit feelings become very explicit. Working on the music feels like experiencing a wordless psalm. There's grief, ruefulness, exasperation, anger, determination – with instructions to 'hammer' it! Bach was a man of faith, expressed in his cantatas very clearly.

To me, the emphatic last ten bars (fff) seem to be affirming forcefully what we are challenged to say, "Dammit, come what may, I will trust God!"

Or, as he might have said, "Komme was wolle, ich vertraue Gott!"

Solo: Words By Margaret Clarkson. Tune O Waly, Waly

I do not know tomorrow's way, if dark or bright its hours may be;
but I know Christ, and come what may, I know that he abides with me.

I do not know what may befall of grief or gladness, peace or pain;
but I know Christ, and through it all I know his presence will sustain.

I do not know when evening falls, if soon or late earth's day grows dim;
but I know Christ, and when he calls, I know he'll call me home to him.



Congregational Meetings:

Today: At the end of today's service there will be a short congregational meeting to vote on the motion that Peter Nelson becomes the new Parish Clerk.

Next Sunday, 1st December: a short congregational meeting to consider the recommendation from the Parish Council that Karen Glithero become an elder.

Advent Bible Study: A four week study beginning Thursday 28th November 7:30 - 9pm. Please contact Gail for further details.

Forum: Forum is a friendly, welcoming group who meet at church on Tuesdays from 11am, for about an hour, to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon and to learn

together from the Bible readings on which the sermon was based. It is open to all – whether you wish to contribute to the discussion or just sit and listen.

Handel's Messiah: CBS Music presents Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday 1 December, 1.30p.m. at Catholic Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. Admission: \$30.00/\$35.00 (Eftpos)

Rosters for the three months starting 15 December will be prepared soon. 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.

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 – but feel free to ask anyone currently doing those duties what is involved.

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.

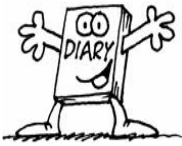
Te Waiora House Christian Retreat Centre: for Time Out – Restoration – Growth

Te Waiora House offers affordable accommodation in a beautiful and extensive rural setting. Just outside Hororata, offering four twin and one double ensuite bedrooms, a large lounge with log burner, and dining room, suitable for meeting, along with a chapel that can seat up to thirty. Guests are welcome to visit for a day, or for longer. Catered and uncatered options available.

Gift vouchers available.

Donations enable to the work of Te Waiora Christian Retreat House to continue. Our aim is to be a place of peace and refuge for those who need to recharge their batteries, emotionally, physically, or spiritually.

Contact 027 406 0503 or (03) 318 0789. Email: tewaiorahouse@xtra.co.nz



Monday 25th November 11.00am Prayer Group
 Tuesday 26th November 9.00am Quilts & Crafts Group
 11.00am Forum
 Thursday 28th November 10.00am Pre-School Music
 Sunday 1st December 10.00am Communion Service

Church Rosters	This week: 24th November	Next week: 1st December
Door Duty	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Ann Jennings	Karen Glithero, Ken Austin, Margaret Ford
Morning Tea & Coffee	Kathleen Anderson, Cecile Pierce	David & Jane Kim
Bible Reading	Ann Jennings	Helen Wells
Candle Lighting	Robin McKee	Elisabeth Cooch
Food Trolley	Elisabeth Cooch	Jill McAra
Money Counting	Kathleen Anderson	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.

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11.30am – 3pm