

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 12th January 2025
Epiphany

Theme: The Baptism of Jesus
Preacher: Lea McEwan



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.

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 Christ Candle *(Elisabeth Cooch)*

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Loving God,

We are often incredibly stubborn,

We have entered the season

in which Your Light has been given to the world,

your blessings have been poured out on the world,

and yet sometimes all we can think about is our own problems.

Help us to yearn for your presence.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again,

cleansing us from our self centred thoughts

Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.

Wash away our anxiety that stands in the way of our truly being

the people you have called us to be.

Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation,

in the birth and baptism of Jesus,

The love of God is always offered to us,

freely, joyfully, for all eternity.

Rejoice, friends for this is the message of our God who loves us and knows us always. ***Amen.***

Hymn 65: Holy, Holy, Holy

Reading: Psalm 29 (Ian Gray)

Prayers of Praise and Confession

Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory.

We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name.

We sing our songs of tribute in the church, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the love of God.

Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God.

Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your kindness throughout the world. Amen.

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

Reading: Luke 3: 15-22 (p.79 NT) (*Reader: Ian Gray*)

Hymn 343: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Sermon: The Baptism of Jesus

Hymn 455: Be Thou my Vision

Prayers of Intercession:

Creator God,

You call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers.

Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of our world.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Holy One,

hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth

so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. Amen.

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*)

Hymn 669: I am the Light of the World

Benediction

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.



Please note, there will be **no Healing Service** this month.

Out for Lunch: Sunday 26th January – for our next after-church meal out. Details to be confirmed, but mark your diary now.

Barnabas Aid Appeal - Bringing hope to Syrian Christians

The Christians of Syria have suffered the ravages of war, conflict and poverty for many years - the country has been entrenched in civil war for over a decade. Many Syrian Christians are having difficulty affording necessities. Barnabas Aid is working with project partners to provide food that will sustain Syrian Christians through another winter of uncertainty. Could you help provide emergency supplies of food for our Syrian brothers and sisters?

To find out more, or to donate, go to www.barnabasaid.org/nz/latest-needs/bringing-hope-to-syrian-christians/

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

Church Rosters	This week: 12th January	Next week: 19th January
Door Duty	Warren Campbell, Alana Hampton, Mark Deal	David & Jane Kim, Clare Shave
Morning Tea & Coffee	Peter & Tric Nelson, David White	Cecile Pierce, Margaret Ford
Bible Reading	Ian Gray	Cecile Pierce
Candle Lighting	Elisabeth Cooch	Kathleen Anderson
Food Trolley	Shona Lyford	Ann Jennings
Money Counting	Shona Lyford	Rouie Swan



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.