

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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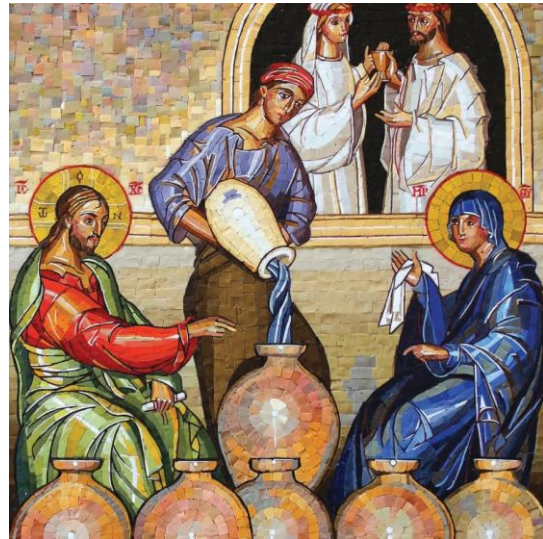
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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

*Theme: Mystery - The Wedding at Cana*  
*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*

### Lighting the Christ Candle

*(Kathleen Anderson)*

### Welcome to Worship

## **Call to Worship**

People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!  
The light of Christ has come into the world.  
Immanuel.

### ***God with us.***

So arise, shine, for your light has come!  
And we will follow the light—  
when it shines brightly in the night sky  
when it glows dimly on the horizon.

We will follow the light—  
when it leads down familiar paths to expected destinations  
when the road is unfamiliar  
and the star rests above a dubious-looking home.  
We will lift up our eyes and look around.  
And when we see the Christ child,  
may our hearts be overwhelmed with joy.

When we are in the presence of Immanuel, may our knees bend in worship.  
When our journey brings us, finally, to the heart of God,

***May our hands open in generous sharing;  
May our mouths open in generous praise.***

**Hymn 451:** Lord Jesus Christ

## **Prayers of Praise and Confession**

How can we ever understand the mystery of Your love, O God?  
How can we ever estimate the value of Your compassion and mercy?  
In our weaknesses and brokennesses,  
in our strengths and wholenesses,  
we find the touch of Your support and creative energy.  
In our fears and suffering, in our joys and pleasures,  
we find the moistness of Your tears and the percussion of Your laughter.  
In our failures and despair, in our successes and dreams,  
we find the comfort of Your forgiveness and the inspiration of Your Spirit.

These are gifts beyond measure,  
and we can only respond with joyful praise.

You are the home we long for,  
the family where we discover that we truly belong  
the hearth where we are warmed and renewed  
And we worship You with our whole being, wonderful and loving God.

***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.*

**Readings** (Reader: Cecile Pierce)

John 2: 1-11 (p. 120 NT)

**Children's time**

**Hymn 144:** Ye Servants of God

**Sermon:** Mystery – The Wedding at Cana

**Hymn 80:** Immortal, Invisible

**Prayers of Intercession:**

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts

That the God who breathed this world into being

Placed stars into the heavens

And designed a butterfly's wing

Is the God who entrusted his son to the care of ordinary people

became vulnerable that we might know how strong is the wonder of Love

A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp

A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore

May our prayers be ones of faith, not knowing or seeing the whole picture of your plan for our world.

In mystery and faith we pray:

**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:** We Shall go out with Hope of Resurrection (Tune: Londonderry Air)

1. We shall go out, with hope of resurrection  
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on:  
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,  
Tell of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,  
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,  
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united,  
Within a vision of the Christ who sets us free.

2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,  
 We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,  
 We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
 Vibrating love alive in every heart.  
 We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,  
 Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
 We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
 Including all within the circles of our love.

June Boyce Tillman  
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## 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.*



The first ***Morning Tea*** date for this year will be **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, 10.30am at Café Elia (397 Ilam Road, Bryndwr). We would love for you to join us if you are able.

### ***Out for Lunch: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January - 12.15pm at The Cashmere Club***

Please let Cath Dale know by *today* if you are planning to go.

On Sundays they have a \$15 Roast for Gold Card holders; view the full menu here:

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<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week: 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Next week: 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	David & Jane Kim, Clare Shave	Elisabeth Cooch, Ken Austin, Margaret Ford
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Celie Pierce, Margaret Ford	Elizabeth Taggart, Kathleen Anderson
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Cecile Pierce	Elisabeth Cooch
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Kathleen Anderson	Cecile Pierce
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Ann Jennings	Margaret Ford
<b>Money Counting</b>	Rouie Swan	Annette McAdam



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