

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'

10:00 am Service led by Adair Oosterbroek

Advent 2, Sunday 4th December, 2022

It is delightful that you are here as we worship God together this morning. Please join in reading the ***words in bold italic type*** if you would like to.

Where you see a * please stand if you are able.

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Anyoung haseyo, Malo elelei,

Ni hao, Ohayo gozaimasu, Fakaalofa atu!

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome!



Welcome and Notices

***Call to Worship:**

The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come through the family of Jesse.

This justice shall be for all of creation.

Peace shall be established in all the world.

Get ready! Prepare for God's peace to reign!

Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!

We give thanks to God for this time of healing and hope. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Video: The Waiting Room

***Hymn: We Wait with Great Expectancy**

We wait with great expectancy
to see your Kingdom come.
We trust your word to be fulfilled
and pray your will be done.
So in our world of ache and loss
we're calling out, as one:

Come Lord Jesus,
we hunger and we yearn
for your return.
Come Lord Jesus,
oh we pray for your return.

You came to us so long ago
and you will come again.
We long for heaven on the earth,
an end to grief and pain.
Lord, may our lives anticipate
and usher in your reign.

Come Lord Jesus,
we long to know you here,
come and draw near.
Come Lord Jesus,
oh we long to know you here.

So lead us in your patience, Lord,
and help us match your pace,
to walk the straight and narrow road
in rhythms of your grace,
and may this Advent way of life
all hurriedness replace.

Come Lord Jesus,
and teach us how to wait,
you are not late.
Come Lord Jesus,
help us worship as we wait.

Lighting the Advent candle - the second candle symbolises **FAITH**

As we light our advent candle

Light of the world, shine on us.

As we prepare for Christmas time

Light of the world, shine on us.

In this world of pain and darkness,

Light of the world, shine through us.

To all the people who don't know you,

Light of the world, shine through us.

Jesus you are coming again,

Light of the world, light the way.

In our service here today

Light of the world, light the way.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

*Hymn: Joy to the World (WOV 224)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Adair's Licensing and Graduation: Rev Michelle Loveday

*Hymn: King of Kings, Majesty (video)

King of kings, Majesty

God of Heaven living in me

Gentle Saviour, closest friend

Strong Deliverer, beginning and end

All within me falls at Your throne

Your Majesty, I can but bow

I lay my all before You now

In royal robes I don't deserve

I live to serve Your Majesty

Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

Advent Communion

To start...

Who is invited to the Lord's Table?...

...only brothers and sisters in the sight of God.

Why do we give thanks at this table?...

...We give thanks that he is our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Why do we eat and drink at this table?...

...which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

What do we remember at this table?...

Pass the Peace

Prayers of Intercession *followed by the Lord's Prayer - you can use this version or the one dearest to you.*

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
for the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever. AMEN.*

Offering:

*Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace,
And we give in peace.
A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear;
A peace growing from our trust and your loving power.
Receive these generous offerings,
And use them to bring peace to our world.
Amen.*

***Hymn: Servant King**

From Heaven, You came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
"Yet not My will but Yours", He said

This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King

Benediction

People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.

***Lord, make us one in the love of Christ
today and forever.***

Amen.

Now As We Go

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The Waiting Room

- What are you waiting for?
- How long has the waiting been?
- What will the waiting do to us?
- How long will a faithful crop take to grow?
- What will we achieve by slowing down and being patient?
- What does it mean for you to wait for the Lord's coming?
- How will we treat others as we wait for them?
- Who do you know who is an example of patience in suffering?
- What does blessing look like for those who persevere?

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES 4th December 2022

Helping Today

Greeters: Anne Loan & Marian Eagle

Offering: Sylvia Low

Bible Reader: Anne Loan

Musician: Pam Clare

Flowers: Rae Wildbore & Helen Dunnett

Grounds: Lynne & Murray Arnold

Helping next week Sunday 11th December 2022

Greeters: Penny Marshall & Jill McConnochie

Offering: Liz Willis

Bible Reader: Marion Fell

Musician: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Eleanor Holmes & Yvonne Dickson

Grounds: Paul Hentschel

What's On This Week

Tuesday Jitterbugs in Church Lounge from 9am.

Thursday Prayers in Church & Revelation Studies at 9am

Prayer Focus: Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: **Bible Readers**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Napier Family Centre**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Trinity Methodist Church**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **St Columba's Havelock North**

What's on the noticeboard?

1. **Saturday 10th at 7.30pm & Sunday 11th December at 2.30pm at Napier Municipal Theatre. Free Entry.** Classical Christmas Concert performed by HB Orchestra with Napier Civic Choir and Project Prima Volta.
2. **Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Clive Square, Napier. Four's Company** presents Joy to the World Christmas Concert.
3. **Christian Lovelink** urgently require **volunteer drivers** for their Box Body Truck. Class One License. For more info, contact Ian Jones 027-532 2611 or email christianlovelink@xtra.co.nz.

Church Recycling

As you all may or may not be aware that St Paul's is now part of the Eco Church N.Z. In the kitchen there are two recycling bins, one for recyclable hard plastics. The other one is for tins, cans, glass, and soft plastics. The office has a paper recycling bin/box. Please use any of the above, and they will be emptied frequently. We are also hoping to bring in Eco friendly cleaning products, and detergent. In the corridor, heading towards the toilets there is also another recycling facility, where you can put batteries, toothpaste tubes, coffee pods, cling film. Hope you all make use of these facilities. Thank you.
Helen, Richard and Adair.

Napier Food Bank/Nourished for Nil

“Nourished for Nil are running very low on tea bags and instant coffee. We break down bulk quantities so any amount is gratefully received. Thank you for your ongoing support, Jane”

Bible Readings for Monday 5th December – Saturday 10th December

Monday, December 5, 2022:

Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Tuesday, December 6, 2022:

Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21

Wednesday, December 7, 2022:

Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37

Thursday, December 8, 2022:

Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10

Friday, December 9, 2022:

Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18

Saturday, December 10, 2022:

Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18

Advent doesn't deny the dark within us,
Advent isn't afraid of the dark around us,
Advent doesn't rush through the dark ahead of us,
Advent sits in the dark and yearns for the Light
of the only One who went to the Tree of Calvary,
TO SHATTER THE DARK
for all of us.


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