



# Johnsonville Uniting Church

## Morning Worship

### 28 November 2021

Welcome to our Morning Worship Service  
An audio of the sermon will be online later today.

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> ADVENT: PEACE

Theme: The Cry for Rights & Justice

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

##### Welcome

##### Call to Worship:.

E te whanau a te Karaiti,

**God brings new life and hope  
in desolate places.**

In God, justice is restored  
and our souls are refreshed.

**Come, let us worship God**

##### *Lighting our Advent Candle of Peace*

##### **Response:**

*God of peace and compassion*

*May we be people who shine the light of peace*

*in your world through our words and by our actions.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

**Hymn:** Come now, Lord Jesus *Shirley Murray* Carol our Christmas #14(ii)

**Prayer:** (ending with the Lord's Prayer, sung)

##### **Tamariki Time**

**Tamariki song:** Christ Before Me *Malcolm Gordon*  
*Children go to their program*

**Readings:** Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79

**Reflection:** Peace is a Verb

**Hymn:** Now to your table spread *Shirley Murray* Alleluia Aotearoa #100

##### **Communion**

##### **Prayers for Others:**

##### **Offering and Dedication:**

##### **Community Time: Notices and News**

##### **Birthdays/Anniversaries**

**Hymn:** O Little Love who comes again *Shirley Murray* Carol our Christmas #33

##### **Benediction**

**Blessing:** I didn't hear the angels sing *Iris McCoy*  
Carol our Christmas #28



#### This Week's People: 5 Dec 2021

Worship Leader Rev Reg Weeks  
Organist: Sharmala David  
Bible Reader: Dennis Mundt & Sherryn Stuart  
Prayers for others: Andrew Donovan  
Welcome/Notices: Naima Soa-Lafoa'i  
Tech Desk : Sound: Bruce Newton  
Tech Desk: PPT: Andrew Donovan

Children's programme Leaders: { Naima Soa-Lafoa'i  
Matt Lange  
Elma Day-Garden  
Rob Wilkinson  
Stewards: { Val Elmey  
Prue Simm  
Flowers: Judith Dunlop

**Next Week's People: 12 Dec 2021**

Worship Leader: Naima Soa-Lafoa'i  
Organist: Heather Lange  
Bible Reader: TBA  
Welcome/Notice: Janet McFadden  
Tech Desk : Sound: Vernon Biggs  
Tech Desk: PPT Andrew Donovan

Children's Programme Leaders: Naima Soa-Lafoa'i  
Matt Lange  
Elma Day-Garden  
Stewards: Rob Wilkinson  
Val Elmey  
Prue Simm  
Flowers: tba

***NOTICES FOR 5 DECEMBER 2021***

**Covid-19 Traffic Light System for Church Services**

To enable us to host church services under alert orange, we are going to observe a vaccine mandate for our services at JUC. This means you must display your vaccine pass when you come to church, or you can pop into the church to see Marinda (Tues – Friday, 10am – 2pm), who will record your name and sticker your nametag to show you have been checked for future services. If this is or could become a barrier for you, please contact Heather.

**Congregational Meeting after Church Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

We will have a congregational meeting after the church service in Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December to appoint 4 representatives for the Ministry Settlement Board. Rev. Donald Gordon from Wadestown is our MSB Convenor and will be chairing this meeting. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for the MSB, please pick up a nomination form from Heather or the office. Nominations close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We need a wide range of people on the MSB, to help search for our new minister.

**Donations Table**

a Fundraising table will be in the foyer each Sunday, for any new craft or good quality items you are happy to donate to JUC for Fundraising purposes. We are asking for a donation, rather than putting a price on things. So if you have suitable items, please bring them along on Sunday. Any queries please contact: Bruce, Dennis or Jean.

**Jam Jars for sale today:** \$5 each check on the donations table or order from Judith.

**Collecting Goods for Afghani Refugees** (Some more Refugees are due in December)

We are looking for any Household and Pantry Goods you're willing to donate  
Household Goods include: Pots and Pans, Electrical goods (in good working order), Kettles\Jug, Rice Cooker, China/Crockery, Rubbish Tin, Glassware, Mugs.  
Linen - Towels, Duvet inners and covers. Blankets - all need to be without stains or holes  
Children's Bedding - with no military or supernatural themes, pirates, masked characters, or fighters. Cot bedding - Sheets, Blankets, Duvet or Quilt and a Cot Protector  
Towels and face cloths - no stains or holes. Pantry items - Rice, Dry Pasta, Flour, Couscous, Sugar, tinned vegetables, tuna (no meat) Salt & Pepper, Herbs and Spices, Olive oil Toddlers food, tea, Coffee, Milo and Milk Powder

If you are able to help with any items or have queries, please contact Andrew Donovan [andrewcdonovan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrewcdonovan@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 021 1500805

**Rosters for 2022:** Sincere thanks to all of you who participate in the rosters for **Prayers for Others** and **Morning Tea Duties**. In the next few weeks these rosters will be reviewed for the coming year. If you are interested in joining one, other or both, or wish to take a break from these, please contact: Sherryn Stuart 021 207 2589 or [sherrynjs@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrynjs@hotmail.com) or in person, by Friday 10 December.

## **New Christian School- Expressions of interest**

Families who are interested in accessing Christian education could complete an Expression of Interest form. These are found on the WCEP site . [link:\(http://wcep.nz/\)](http://wcep.nz/). Please note this does not commit the families to enroll in the school but gives the project good data to share with the Ministry so we can build up a strong application. In the meantime, if you have parents who wish to place their children in Christian education now Miramar Christian School currently has spaces for children from Christian families. (N.B.We currently have a family who lives in Johnsonville so carpooling can be arranged.) For further information WCEP or Miramar Christian School please ring 04 9398558, email [office@christian.school.nz](mailto:office@christian.school.nz) or visit our website <http://www.christian.school.nz>

## **Open Home Foundation International – AGM Invitation**

the Board and staff of OHFI invites you to join us **on Saturday 11 December, 2 pm** at Johnsonville Uniting Church Hall, 18 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville, Wellington.

At the meeting, we will

- Share fellowship and friendship
- tell you about the achievements and challenges of the last year
- discuss future plans
- learn about micro-enterprises from Mark Bromley\*
- meet some of our country partners via zoom
- enjoy afternoon tea

We work hard at OHFI to keep costs down and we do not have advertising or marketing budgets so I really need your help. **Will you please be an OHFI ambassador and bring along a friend(s) who is not already involved with OHFI?**

**Please RSVP via email or phone 04 8300565 with your attendance numbers to help with our planning.**

## **"Christmas Baskets"**

The Public Witness and Social Justice Committee will again be doing Christmas baskets for those members of our Parish who are unable to come to Church.

We would appreciate donations of **small** toiletries e.g.: flannels, tissues, soaps, hand cream, talc, shower gel, body wash, hankies, or **small** fun Christmas items of jewelry or stationery or **small** packets of sweets or biscuits.

There will be a box in the Church foyer each Sunday during November for your donated items. Any queries please call Jean or Dennis on 4783165 or email [d.mundt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:d.mundt@xtra.co.nz)

## **Wellington Central Te Pataka library (in Johnsonville) tour**



A large collection of books can now be browsed and borrowed on Te Pataka library tour.

It's a popular tour, so get in quick to secure a space at the cool behind-the-scene event.

Please find the detailed information about the tour from library's blog.

Wednesday 8 December. Starting time: 10:00am; 11:00am; 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

Book your 1 hour tour <https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blog/index.php/2021/11/26/expand-your-holiday-reading-visit-te-pataka-on-8-december/>

**Parish pantry:** Our local food banks welcome instant coffee, tea, soap and body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, toothpaste, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, spaghetti and baked beans and lunchbox snacks, as well as woman's feminine products especially pads. Talk to Bev Donovan

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***Come Now, Lord Jesus      Carol our Christmas  
14(ii)***

Come now, Lord Jesus,  
enter our Christmas,  
be to us no stranger  
in this new-made manger.

Come, small and human,  
born of a woman,  
yet a Son much greater  
of our own Creator.

Come, cold and crying,  
comfort denying,  
no place to receive you,  
few yet to believe you.

Come poor and simple,  
our flesh your temple,  
in your body feeling  
hurt as well as healing.

Come gift and token,  
bread to be broken –  
star and sign still point you,  
myrrh will yet anoint you.

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**(SUNG)**

**AA 112**

Our Father in heaven,  
holy be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not put us to the test.

But deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
are yours now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
amen, amen, amen, amen.

**Music: Richard Gillard & John Smith**  
**Arr. Guy Jansen© West**

## ***Christ Before Me Malcolm Gordon***

1. Christ before me  
Christ behind me  
Christ above me  
And below  
Christ beside me  
Christ within me  
Christ around me  
Where'er I go

2. Everything is sacred  
Everything is blessed  
Everyone made worthy  
To find their holy rest  
Everyone belongs here  
Everyone is loved  
Every life that's failing  
Grace will lift above

3. Christ before you  
Christ behind you  
Christ above you  
And below  
Christ beside you  
Christ within you  
Christ around you  
Where'er you go

4. Everything is sacred  
Everything is blessed  
Everyone made worthy  
To find their holy rest  
Everyone belongs here  
Everyone is loved  
Every life that's failing  
Grace will lift above

5. Christ before us  
Christ behind us  
Christ above us  
And below  
Christ beside us  
Christ within us  
Christ around us  
Where'er we go

6. Everything is sacred  
Everything is blessed  
Everyone made worthy  
To find their holy rest  
Everyone belongs here  
Everyone is loved  
Every life that's failing  
Grace will lift above

7. Everything is sacred  
Everything is blessed  
Everyone made worthy  
To find their holy rest  
Everyone belongs here  
Everyone is loved  
Every life that's failing  
Christ will raise us up

8. Christ before me  
Christ behind me  
Christ above me  
And below  
Christ beside me  
Christ within me  
Christ around me  
Where'er I go

## **NOW TO YOUR TABLE SPREAD AA 100**

1. to your table spread  
we come, each one, in faith  
that you alone provide the words  
of life and death:  
in wine and bread, in promised food  
we find your loving heart, O God.
2. Hands of the world stretch out,  
your mystery to touch  
in longing to believe a truth  
beyond our reach,  
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,  
to know your meaning for our life.
3. Here is our common wealth  
in sharing what is good,  
as though all humankind  
around one table stood,  
this bread to break, this wine to taste –  
one people in the name of Christ.

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***O Little Love who comes again Shirley Murray  
Carol our Christmas #33***

O little Love who comes again  
the Word made flesh to make God plain  
O Child who shines the Jesus light  
disarm the world  
this Christmas night

No heart so hard it may not move  
no hate resist your open love  
defenseless in our hands you come  
to Herod's power  
to Mary's home

As all the wise look for your star  
so I must follow who you are  
as you are light so must I be  
as you are peace  
be peace in me

***Shirley Murray***



## ***I didn't hear the angels sing Iris McCoy Carol our Christmas #28***

1. I didn't hear the angels sing across the starry sky,  
and yet I know that Christ was born,  
to fill our hearts with joy.
  
2. I didn't see the shepherds come and kneel before his stall,  
and yet I know that Christ was born,  
the shepherd of us all.
  
3. O wasn't there to see the gifts the wise men brought to him,  
But still I know that Christ was born,  
The gift to God to all.

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