



7th February 2021 Rev Keith Hooker

Welcome & Call to worship

Songs: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty WOV 28

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Announcements and sharing:

God Moment:

Offerings and Dedication:

Songs: Ascribe greatness

Majesty

Prayers for Others: Neville Wilson

Readings: Romans 8:28-39 Ruth Kenyon-Slade

Hymn: Guide me O Thou great Jehovah WOV 478

Sermon: The one Thing We Can Count On

Hymn: Love Diving Thy New Creation WOV 449

Benediction: May the Lord

Elders on Duty for January Ian Burns and Avis Currie

Organist Len Hockly

Pianist Joy Smith

Door Greeting Barrie and Maria West

Security Ian Burns

Sound Andrew Clow

Prayer Chain We are available to pray for you, your friends and families in your joys and concerns. Please contact Glynnis (576 4814) or the office.

THE COMING WEEK (2nd)

Monday Waitangi Day!

Tuesday 9.00 am – 9.25 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday 9.30 am Care & Craft in hall

Thursday 9.45am Bible Study in Crèche

Friday 9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche

10.00 an Cuppa & Chat

Sunday 8.45 am Prayers

Wed/Thurs/Fri 10.00 am—4.00 pm: Basement Boutique



Golden Years, WANTED Mature females required.

Preferably with tea pouring and dishwashing experience but not essential as tutoring could be given, Sense of humour essential. Contract 1 year, remuneration to be decided. Please contact Maureen 5785289 for interview.

If anyone would like to help make tea or do dishes at any of our groups that happen - we would love to hear from you - contact Maureen if you are keen.

WOW Breakfasts - We begin 2021 with morning tea (at own expense) at The Chapel cafe at 10 am on Saturday 13 February.

All ladies welcome, bring a friend.

RSVP to this email by Wednesday 10th February or write your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

There lots of pottles of Donald's honey in the office. \$8 for 500g tub. Or \$15 for 1 kg.

O-TEAM happenings

We have a new light at the lectern so that the readers and leaders can see better, please let Neville know if its too bright.

And new above bench power switches in both offices and a new light switch in the creche.

Also we have replaced the vertical blinds in the Ministers office with roller blinds - new and fresh!. Bright all around!!

Waitangi Day 6 February is regarded by many as our national day. It commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi/e Tiriti o Waitangi between the Tangata Whenua (Māori) and the Crown (British Empire), at the marae in Paihia in 1840 - 181 years ago. It was an incredible achievement by all concerned. No treaty is without faults and blemishes. With both parties involved, it was signed with hope for a fruitful future.

Our history, in the nearly two centuries since the signing of the Treaty, records stories of deception, distortion, abuse and manipulation. Grief and pain will never pass. This is always the case in treaties with land and control of people at the core of such an arrangement. How do we face this? We must learn the Treaty of Waitangi story, remember and honour the Treaty, with respect for one another. We must move forward as a nation, united in love, honour, and respect. The Treaty of Waitangi is our story - look back, learn, remember, be gracious and resolutely move on.

What of today? Our Pakeha/Palagi population still leads in the majority in all areas of our society. As a nation, we are making progress. Treaty settlements continue, much has been completed. The Māori economy has improved. The study of the history of this land is now a reality from the earliest stages of schooling. Māori, Pacifica and Asian peoples are progressing slowly but surely in academic qualifications, management roles, and owning their own businesses. Representing us in the NZ Parliament are an increasing number of Māori, Pacifica and other ethnicities, more than ever before in our short history.

As a nation, we are young. We are one of a small handful of nations leading the world in the battle with Covid-19. In the sporting arenas, we compete "above our weight" and our lack of resources (isolation, people, and the latest technology) does not hinder us. This attitude and demeanor is very much the reflection of who we are in the global landscape. We are a warrior nation of men and women influenced and nurtured by our heritage - Māori, English, Scottish, Pacific, Asian, European, plus many other origins. Today, we the Tangata Whenua, the Crown, and the Manuhiri (late comers), stand on the shoulders of giants. We owe it to them to build up this land, to grow our potentials, to live in peace and harmony, be involved and participate in every level of our society.

Let us honour a bicultural treaty signed in 1840. We, a multicultural society, 5 million strong. We flourish and grow as a cross-cultural nation, emphasising building families, communities, and ourselves, on Godly values and principles.

Kia kaha, i te aroha o te Atua ia Ihu Karaiti. Be strong in the love of God in Jesus Christ. Ke manuia/Blessings

Right Reverend Fakaofo Kaio, Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. moderator@presbyterian.org.nz

Roster for 14th February 2021

Elders on Duty - Ian Burns and Avis Currie Preaching - Rev Keith Hooker

Bible Reading -Erin Stubbs

Intercessory Prayer - Elizabeth Hockly

Sound - Andrew Clow

Door - Barrie and Maria West

Security - Janet Freeman

Piano - Joy Smith

Organ - Len Hockly

Night Watchman - Neville Wilson

If you can't do your duty, please let the office know. Thank you.

7th Feb Pray for INDIA today.

Pray that God will soften the hearts of government leaders and they will come to know Christ. - Voice of the Martyrs.

St Columba has an online giving option. If you would like to give 'online' please use the account number below and add your tithing number into the **reference.** If you do not have a tithing number please contact the office

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