



CARINGBAH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome

Thanks for joining our service. We hope that you find us here at Caringbah Presbyterian Church welcoming and encouraging. We gather together to worship the LORD Jesus Christ who took on flesh, died on the cross, rose from the grave and ascended to heaven. His life, death, resurrection and ascension changes everything about us and it changes the world. Instead of being punished for our disobedience, God is now our Father, Jesus is our brother and we have one another as part of the family of God. We have an inheritance in heaven that is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit. We have eternal life.

Sunday Services

Due to updated government regulations this past week, the 2 square meter rule has now changed back to the 4 square meter rule. Physical distancing is to be observed to the extent possible. We are no longer allowed to sing in services.

Prayer Meetings

We hold two weekly prayer meetings on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 7:30am. Our Saturday prayer meetings will now be meeting face-to-face in the church hall. We will continue at this stage to meet online using zoom at 7.30am on Wednesday mornings.

Bible Study Groups

Our Monday night bible study group has moved to Monday morning starting at 9:30am. For more information please speak to Steve Cochrane. We also have a Wednesday afternoon bible study group for women only. For more information, please speak to Julie Cochrane. We also have a Wednesday night bible study group starting at 7:30pm. For more information, please speak to Mike O'Sullivan.

Colossians 1:15-23 (ESV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Prayer

We praise you, our Father, that your love reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the skies; that your justice is like the great deep. Without price are your unfailing mercies; we feast on your goodness, we drink from the river of your blessing, and we draw freely from the well of your salvation.

We thank you, our Father, that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to die for us and by His blood to ransom us from every tribe and tongue, people and nation; and to make us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

We thank you, O God our Father; that in your great mercy you have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Be pleased to accept our thankfulness and praise, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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Psalm 13 (ESV)

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
O praise Him alleluia
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Romans 8:28-35, 37-39 (ESV)

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 1:1-12 (ESV), Read by Michael Eggleton

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

The Beginning of the Good News

1. Forgiven

2. Beloved

3. Victorious

Standing on the Promises of God

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Standing standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword
Standing on the promises of God

Standing standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

Russell Kelso Carter

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Church Family Prayer by John Rolland

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.