

Mt Albert Presbyterian Church

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Order of Service & Weekly Notices 2 Dec 2018

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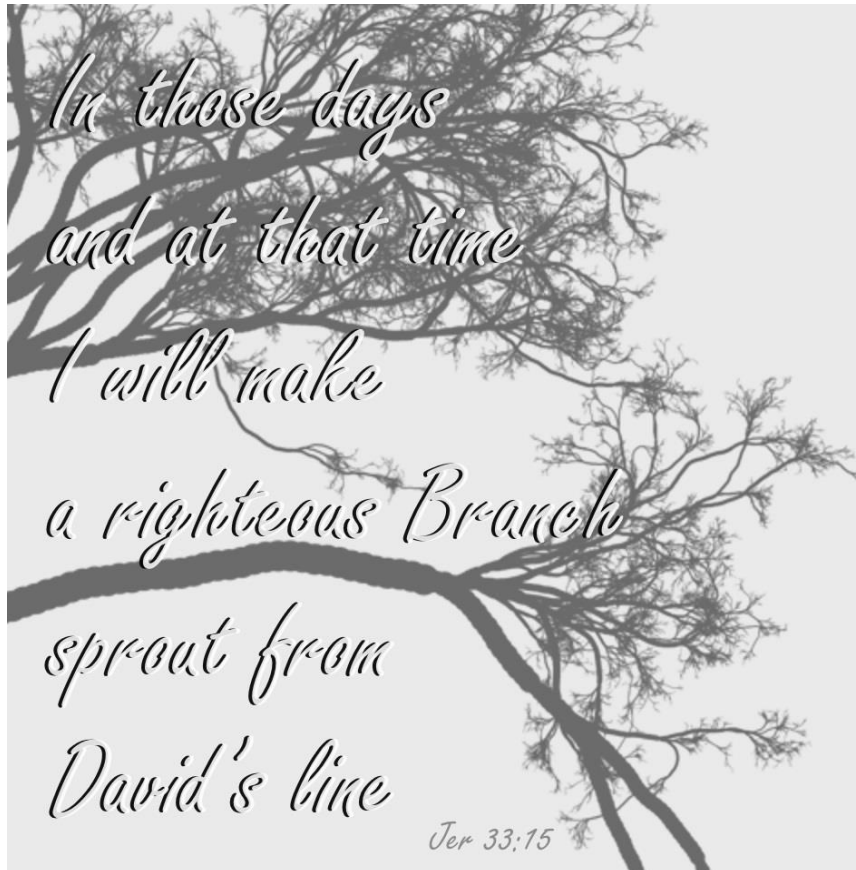
To reflect God's love
by faithfully following
Jesus as we reach out
to the community.

Mission

To introduce
people to Jesus
and help them begin
and continue
a life-changing
relationship with Him.

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ADVENT 1: EXPECTING



Jeremiah 33

14 " 'The days are coming...when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. 15 " 'In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

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**Welcome to our
Sunday morning service
10am**

Entry of Bible

Introit: Let the song go round the earth ...

Advent Candle & Call to worship:

Hymn: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prayers:

Passing the Peace of Christ:

Greetings & Notices:

Children's blessing:

Hymn: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Readings: (1) Jeremiah 33:14 – 16 (2) Luke 21:25 – 36

Message: Expecting God's redemption

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.

Offering: Let us bring our offering to God

Hymn: O come O come Emmanuel

Benediction:

Three fold Amen

Lectionary readings for 9 Dec 2018

* Malachi 3:1 – 4

* Luke 1:68 – 79

* Philippi 1:3 – 11

* Luke 3:1 – 6

Lectionary readings for 16 Dec 2018

* Zephaniah 3:14 – 20

* Isaiah 12:2 – 6

* Philippians 4:4 – 7

* Luke 3:7 – 18

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

If you are visiting from another congregation,
please convey our greetings to your home Church.

Hospitality 11.10am:

Join us for morning tea in the hall after the service. All welcome!

Services coming up:

2 Dec 10am Morning Service

9 Dec 10am Holy Communion

16 Dec 10am Readings & Carols

23 Dec 10am Family Service

24 Dec 9pm Christmas Eve

25 Dec 10am Christmas Day

30 Dec 10am Thanksgiving

Music

Barbara Olds

Joshua Arulanandham

Bruce short

Worship Band

TBC

TBC

Michael Jenkins

Preacher

Rev Tani Haunga

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Church Duty Roster:

2 Dec – Serenity Filiva’a

9 Dec – Noah Brown

Morning tea roster:

2 Dec – Mele Mafi & Heilala Taungahihifo

9 Dec – Congregation

Duty Elder:

Dec – Tasi Asafo

Duty Managers:

Dec – Kwame, Lata.

Door Duty:

Dec – Maiava, Elton

Projector & Sound desk

Dec – Fale, Setoa

Meetings coming up:

2 Dec 11.30am Outreach Committee

4 Dec 6.30pm Session Elders Christmas Dinner @ Trinita Silver Cafe

9 Dec 11.30am Pastoral Care & Social Committee

16 Dec 11.30am Property & Finance Committee

Weekly Prayer meeting continues on Wednesday morning, starting at 11am in Church Foyer. If you need prayer but cannot attend, place prayer request in box by prayer tree or see Tani. All welcome.

Community Soup Outreach continues every Tuesday, 12noon, in the small hall. This is an opportunity to chat with others over soup and refreshment. It is a wonderful ministry, so if you are available, come along and serve, and be served. This coming Tuesday, we will be joining the Quarterly Seniors’ Lunch Fellowship. All welcome.

Seniors' Christmas Lunch Fellowship coming up on Tuesday 4th December. You are welcome to come along, chat, catch-up or just sit quietly and enjoy a lovely free lunch with a Christmas theme. Hope to see you there.

Choir – for the Christmas season

We are getting ready for the Christmas season, and will be preparing our Choir again. We will have our first practice today, 11.30.

Children's Ministry Christmas Celebration will be on this Saturday 8th December from 11am until 4pm. It will be a great celebration for our children, with bouncy castle, food, music. There will be Christmas presents for the children and we will also have our prize giving. Our Transformer Leaders will be leading the celebration. The Children will also contribute 2 song items to the service on 9th December.

2019 Roster

Please see ministry roster boards in foyer, and put your name on the ministry where you wish to serve.

ADVENT *(From Advent Readings-Laidlaw College)*

Advent is the Latin word for arrival or coming and is the period of four weeks before Christmas, that we set aside to celebrate Jesus coming into our world. It is also a time in which we early await Jesus' second advent – when He will come again as a Mighty King to make all things new; to redeem this broken world from its hurt, trouble, and tragedy.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: EXPECTING

We expect God's redemption.

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Isaiah 25:6 – 26:6, Psalm 130, Luke 21:25-36

The story of God's people is marked with hope and trust – that God will make a way for them. His mighty hand delivers them from slavery into freedom. God's presence in a cloud and pillar of fire leads His children through the wilderness. For hundreds of years the Lord sustains His people in exile as they wait for Him to send the promised Messiah. And we too expect God's redemption as we eagerly anticipate when Jesus will come again to make all things new.

Song of Miriam and Moses: Exodus 15:1 – 21. Lord, help us to wait and watch for your presence with some kind of hope and expectant longing, as the children of Israel.