

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Call to Worship

Marlene

Adoration Songs

Music Team

Jesus, All For Jesus

Welcome, Pass the Peace

Rowena

Community News

Bong

Prayer for Others

Marlene

Bible Reading

Marlene

Matthew 25:31-46

Reflection

Rowena

MOVE TO THE CHURCH HALL FOR MINISTRY STATIONS

Offering

Commitment Song

Music Team

Benediction

*Audio recording of this service
is available on the church's website.*

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What are your private conversations with yourself? Are you constantly bothered by your mistakes in the past? How often would you say to yourself that you are not good enough? Do you always think of what other people think or say about you? Are you compelled to live up to other's expectations? Do you always crave for people to notice you and recognize things you are doing or have done? Do you feel alone? Are you bothered by hatred and have this internal conversations all the time? How about being grateful? Do you talk to yourself about your blessings?

IN FOCUS:



OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE:

GOD IS THE AUDIENCE

By Dean Beaty 7/11/04

Some refuse to serve the Lord, for they don't see the gain. There's not enough to see it, to go through all the pain. They look for crowds and numbers to build up their own name. It's not the Lord they glorify, advancing their own fame.

It takes a crowd or multitude to make them stand up tall. If they can't preach to many, then they won't preach at all. Don't look to see who'll know you're there, or what's the recompense. It is enough to serve alone, when God's the audience.

The place we serve may be obscure, affecting just a few. But we will learn in heaven, our work, the Father knew. So do the work God's given you, as unto God alone. They'll be a day in heaven, when God will make it known.

There is no work that we have done, that will not reap reward. The widow only had one mite, but gave all to the Lord. That God would note the widow's mite, to some it made no sense. But He takes note of little things, when God's the audience.

CHRISTIAN QUOTATION:

"The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight, but has no vision." Helen Keller 1880-1968
Helen Adams Keller was an American author, political activist and lecturer. She was the first deafblind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. The story of how Keller's teacher, Annie Sullivan, broke through the isolation imposed by a near complete lack of language, allowing the girl to blossom as she learned to communicate, has become known worldwide through the dramatic depictions of the play and film *The Miracle Worker*. A prolific author, Keller was well travelled and was outspoken in her opposition to war. She campaigned for women's suffrage, workers' rights, and socialism, as well as many other progressive causes. Keller devoted much of her later life to raising funds for the American Foundation for the Blind. On September 14, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson awarded Helen Keller the Presidential Medal of Freedom, one of the United States' highest two civilian honours.



Name	Jacinta Egan
Birth Date	25 November
Birth Country	Australia
Interests	Read book and working in the shop selling things such as sugar and chocolate
Favourite Bible verse	Jesus died on the cross, came back to life and forgave us our sins
Message	<i>I thank everyone for having me here at the Footscray Baptist Church.</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *"A big THANK YOU for my birthday lunch! I am so grateful to all of you at Footscray Baptist Church for the fabulous lunch you gave me for my 60th birthday. I enjoyed the beautiful meals that you prepared and I greatly appreciate the generosity and kindness in making my 60th birthday a positive milestone for me."* **Love and blessings, Pastor Rowena**
2. **Today, too** after our worship service, we will be holding our final **Quarterly members' meeting** for the year. This is our opportunity to know more deeply things our church are doing in addition to our Sunday worship services.
3. **Weeks of Prayer** - For this week, **25 Nov—1 Dec, Zeny Bernal, Nina, Dante, Leonie and Carol** are in roster to pray during the week for our church. We use the following guides in our households to pray together or alone. **We pray God guides and blesses...Our Dreams and Visions...Our Church...Our search for a new Pastor...Our Faith and Action...Our Leaders, now and in the Future.**
4. Wednesday, 27 Nov. - **Interim Transition Team** fortnightly meeting in the Green Room from 6:00PM—7:30PM.
5. **Next Saturday, 30 Nov**—Our final **church working bee** for the year. This will be from 10AM to 12 noon. We will focus on the front and back yards. Please see Bong if you can make the time to assist.
6. **Sunday, 08 December** - Church Christmas Fellowship. It is coming close. We will move to either the Footscray or Yarraville park after the worship service. Free up your diary for this day for us to have fellowship to one another remembering and celebrating of **birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
7. **Church Ministry Involvement** - Today during our service, we will have an opportunity to learn more and be involved in our **New Strategic Ministries.** These will be introduced and you have people you can talk and ask more about them in the church hall. Here are the list of stations and ministry leaders:

Station No. 1 - Worship and Spirituality – Leader: Bron
Worship Services - Andrea (Apology for today)
Music Team – Leonie
Prayer – Hermie

Station No. 2 - Care and Community – Leader: Beth
Bible Studies – Bong
Youth – Joseph and Vic
Children – Kathy
Christmas Fellowship – Carol
Church Camp – Emil
Property – Rodel
Mentoring – Len

Station No. 3 - Outreach and Justice – Leader: Marlene
Refugee Awareness – Natalie
BUV, Bapcare & GIA – Trevor
Local outreach – Marl and Wai

Station No. 4 - New Ideas – Pastor Rowena and Becky

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS:

ETHIOPIA



Location: Eastern Africa, west of Somalia

Language: Ethiopia has many indigenous languages, most of them Afro-Asiatic (Semitic, Cushitic, Omotic), &

Nilo-Saharan. English is the most widely spoken foreign language and is the medium of instruction in secondary schools & universities. After the fall of the Derg regime in 1991, the new constitution granted all ethnic groups the right to develop their languages and to establish mother tongue primary education systems.

Capital: Addis Ababa , **Population:** 2012 Estimate 91,195,675

Society and Culture

The People Ethiopia is a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic country. Religion is a major influence in Ethiopian life. Nearly half the population belongs to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church but there is a also large Muslim population. Others adhere to an ancient form of Judaism.

The Family The extended family remains the focus of the social system. It includes relatives on both sides of the family as well as close friends. Quite often the husband's parents will live with the nuclear family when they get older and can no longer care for themselves. When people marry, they join their families, thus ensuring that there will always be a group to turn to in times of need. Individuals achieve recognition or social standing through their extended family. A family's Honor is influenced by the actions of its members. Family needs are put before all other obligations, including business.

Meeting Etiquette Ethiopian greetings are courteous and somewhat formal. The most common form of greeting is a handshake with direct eye contact. The handshake is generally much lighter than in Western cultures. After a close personal relationship has been established people of the same sex may kiss three times on the cheeks. Men should wait to see if a woman extends her hand. Greetings should never be rushed. Take time to inquire about the person's family, health, job, etc. People are addressed with their honorific title and their first name. "Ato", "Woizero", and "Woizritry" are used to address a man, married woman, and unmarried woman respectively. Elders should be greeted first. It is customary to bow when introduced to someone who is obviously older or has a more senior position. Children will often be seen doing so.

Gift Giving Etiquette Since Ethiopia is an extremely poor country, expensive gifts are not the norm. In fact, giving a gift that is too expensive may be viewed negatively. It may be seen as an attempt to garner influence or it may embarrass the recipient as they will not be able to match it in kind.

Coffee Drinking The Kaffa province in Ethiopia is renowned for its coffee. Coffee is a national drink and its drinking is a ritualized process that generally takes at least an hour. If invited for a formal coffee you may be seated on pillows or grass and flower-strewn floor with frankincense burning in the background. A woman or young boy enters the room to wash and roast the beans over charcoal. The roasted beans are then hand-ground and added to boiling water. Sugar is put into small cups without handles and the water/coffee mixture is added. Inhale the aroma of the coffee before sipping. The first round (called "awol") is served, starting with the eldest. When the first cup is finished, the "jebena" (coffee pot) is refilled with water. The second round (called "tona") is then served. It is weaker than the first since the same ground beans are used. The third round (called "baraka") is served after boiling water is again added to the jebena. Always sip the coffee slowly.

Sources: kwintessential & Wikipedia