



The Footscray Baptist Church celebrates the God-given diversity of cultures. We welcome you to join us in the journey of faith, whatever your race, religion, capability, gender or sexuality.

Order of Service - January 17th, 2021

Music: O the deep love of Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLTu1xv2-Us>

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked
in this land, on their own country.

Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.

We acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and their stewardship
of this land throughout the ages.

We honour their history, their elders, past, present and emerging and commit to work
for reconciliation between all people, God and the land.

Welcome everybody to worship!

Call to Worship

Come joyfully before the Lord!

God knows us and loves us!

Come prayerfully before the Lord!

God sees our concerns, our fears, our sins!

Come hopefully before the Lord!

Christ proclaimed God's love and forgiveness for all God's people!

Know, throughout all of your being, that God absolutely loves you!

How precious and powerful that knowledge is! Thanks be to God!

AMEN.

Song: O God You Search me and Know Me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEGc3_D19Vo

Opening Prayer

Open our ears, O God,
that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment.

Open our ears, O God,
that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture.

Open our ears, O God,
that we might understand your promises to followers both old and young, ancient and
modern.

Open our hearts, O God,
that we might enter into the love you offer us.

God of good gifts,
Help us to discover our potential.
Guide us as we live and learn.

Show us the way to find the good things that you have laid before us.
Give us courage to explore new things.
Teach us how to know and name our gifts and talents.
Inspire us with the incentive to use them in the loving service of others and the common good.
Just as Jesus called people on a journey of growth and development,
Call us to walk in your way
That we may find meaning and purpose in being all the good that we can be.
May we never give up learning and growing
May we never tire of finding the gifts within us and each other.
Help us to always encourage and support all who we live and work with in being the best that we can be.
May this always be so. Amen.

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Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 3”1-10 (NRSV)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!”^[a] and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Passing the Peace

Shalom my friends
God's peace my friends
Go with you now
And stay with you
In all you do
Shalom, shalom.

Bible Reading: John 1:43-51 (NRSV)

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied,

“Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, ^[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Song: Sing Hey for the Carpenter <https://vimeo.com/454252267>

Children's Talk: God Speaks to Samuel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P13uIsFW7OA&list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnIeCe-p6Ws&index=23

Reflection: Come and See - God's invitation

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Deacons as they meet for the first time in 2021
- For those living in aged care, those caring for them, especially our neighbours at Westhaven
- Those who have Covid 19, those in hospital and families who have lost loved ones, those working on cures, vaccines, treatments. For places experiencing increases in Covid 19 cases
- Those affected by political unrest in especially Afghanistan, Ethiopia. Kachin State, Thailand & United States
- Global Interaction – pray for team leaders around the world
- Baptist World Aid – work amongst the poor and helping prevent Covid 19 in places they work
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray
- Our friends in Kenya as they build a new church building

Silence – in the silence and through our minds and imaginations we bring prayers which words cannot contain:

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Patient and Wise God,

You have called this church into being to serve you in this world by helping others.

We rejoice in the many ways we are able to be of help.

We offer our prayers for each other:

- for those near and dear to us
- for the situations of difficulty and strife in community and world.

You hear our voices cry out and with your eternal compassion you respond in loving care to each of us.

We gather here this day, meeting and greeting each other, celebrating fellowship and friendship, welcoming each other in your name.

You remind us that you are with us always. What have we to fear?

We fear far too often the unknown tasks that lie ahead of us.

We always want to be assured of the happy outcome of our efforts.

Help us to trust your guidance and presence,

Lord. Help us remember that there is no time in which we are out of your care. Enable us to be in serving ministry and mission with joy and confidence. Heal our wounds, bind up our bruises and broken spirits. Put us on a pathway of peace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Song: Lord Let Me See

<http://rosslangmead.50webs.com/rl/Downloads/SongsMP3/LordLetMeSee.mp3>

Offering

O Lord, you lift us up and have blessed us with the ministry of this church. We thank you for our pastors and our deacons and teachers who nurture us spiritually. We thank you for each member who uses their spiritual gifts to bless others. We thank you for the rich fellowship we enjoy with each other and corporately with you. We give our tithes and offerings to you now, to support the ministry of this church in our community and worldwide. Amen.

- Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plate at back of church

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News & Notices

- Please adhere to rules during **face-to-face worship**
- Services will continue to be zoomed as well as face to face worship
- Volunteers needed following the service to clean pews and surfaces in preparation for the Persian service
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.

Song: Will You Come and Follow Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o469PRLdbHU>

Blessing

Crucified one, risen one

You have chosen us and we have chosen you

May this way of choosing become a way

Of knowing, loving and living

That knows no end. Amen. *(Be Our Freedom Lord, p.239)*

Blessing Song: Thuma Mina <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAcZsqH6NYw>