



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 - Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Preparatory music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HptN89n83IY>

Pipe Organ music    YouTube

Opening Song    *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOCfPjLOvC4>

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country (Cheryl)

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!

Lighting of Worship Candle - Jesus said 'I am the Light of the World'  
(Sunny)

Call to Worship (Suhas)

Lev 19:32 - You shall rise before the aged, and defer to the old;  
**and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.**

Psalms 71:18 – So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me,  
**until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.**

Psalms 92:14 – In old age they still produce fruit;  
**they are always green and full of sap,**

Proverbs 16:31 - Grey hair is a crown of glory;  
**it is gained in a righteous life.**

Proverbs 20:29 – The glory of youths is their strength,  
**but the beauty of the aged is their grey hair.**

Acts 2:17 - “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon  
all flesh,

**and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young  
men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.**

Song 2: Where We'll never grow old <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxolymJ11Q>

Opening Prayer

Father, As we gather together, .....

We give thanks, O God,

- for a society where people can look forward to long lives,
- for the wisdom of older people,
- for their faith and experience,
- for the sense that older people give us of family, tradition and identity,
- for the leadership they offer, for the things they teach, and all the ways in which they contribute to our families, our community and our church.

We give thanks, O God,

- for the blessings of life, and our experience of its different seasons,
- for friends, family, children and grandchildren,
- for the experiences and opportunities of our lives,
- for our survival through struggles and griefs,
- for your presence throughout our lives and for the hope of the life to come.

Amen

(Prayer from [AgeWell Sunday Worship 2018.pdf \(unitingagewell.org\)](#))

### *Bible Reading 1: Deuteronomy 32:7 & Job 12:12 (NRSVA) English & Farsi & Tagalog*

#### Deuteronomy 32:7

<sup>7</sup> Remember the days of old, consider the years long past; ask your father, and he will inform you; your elders, and they will tell you.

#### Job 12:12

<sup>12</sup> Is wisdom with the aged, and understanding in length of days?

### *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 2: Luke 2:36-38 & 2 Tim 1:5:7 (NRSVA) English & Farsi & Tagalog*

#### Luke 2:36-38

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna<sup>l</sup> the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

#### 2 Tim 1:5-7

<sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

### *Children's Talk: Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox*

## *Reflection: The Joys and Challenges of Aged Care*

### *Song 3: One Day at a time Sweet Jesus*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBnZ8bmEOTM>

## *Prayers for the Church & World*

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Those affected by floods, earthquakes and typhoons
- Trouble in Iran as people arrested and killed for protesting and in Russia after young men have been conscripted by Putin
- For our elderly neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **The elderly in our community that struggle, especially with those living with dementia**
- **Those preparing for** baptism on October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of tension, unrest & conflict – **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Gaza, Myanmar, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan & Ukraine**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those known to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Qatar, Romania, Russia, Rwanda**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – work and workers in South East Asia, Zambia & Zimbabwe
- **Baptist World Aid** – pray for the protection of children, for safety and knowledge of their rights

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

*(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)*

God of every age,  
We bring our prayers now for your world.  
Where there is conflict in the world, in countries, in families, within ourselves, bring peace.  
Where there is grief from the loss of friends, of freedom, of independence, bring comfort.  
Where the past only provides traumatic memories, bring healing.  
Where there is loneliness, bring good company.  
Where there is confusion from dementia, bring clarity.  
Where we have forgotten or dismissed our elders, remind us that they are your gift to us.  
When we have not listened to our elders, enable us to hear their wisdom.  
Where our elders are in the care of others, bring compassion.  
Where our elders are in pain, bring relief.  
Where there is estrangement, bring reconciliation.  
Where people are coming to the end of their days, gather them into your embrace.  
Finally, we pray for ourselves, help us respect our elders, help us learn from their example of resilience, patience and forbearance. Remind us that you are with us from our beginning and our end, for all our days. Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, Sept 2022)*

### *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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### *Offering*

Lord, take these offerings that we bring to you now. Use them and us to show love, respect and dignity to people of all ages. Amen.

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Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plates at entrances and exits of the church

**Footscray Baptist Church**

**BSB: 083 437**

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### *News & Notices*

- **Daylight Savings begins on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, put your clocks forward one hour**
- **Cook Up for Church Lunch** – come along and help prepare food for the church lunch on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet from 8.30am to prepare the food.**
- **Baptism and Church Lunch** – join us for the baptisms followed by lunch on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **Reflective Prayer:** is having a break whilst Ros is away
- **BUV Advocacy and Justice Week** – September. During September we have spent each week looking at one issue they have identified. Today – Aged Care
- **Please do not enter the Blue Room without permission of the Pastor**
- **The Sudsy Challenge (Orange Sky).** Thank you to all who supported me in this and for the donations you made to Orange Sky.

- **Westhaven Project Group** – Tuesday from 11am - 2.30pm In Green Room on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in the month. Come when you can and leave when you must. Bring lunch and ideas. All materials provided. We will also have a session on Saturdays once per month. October dates October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Garage Sale during National Garage Sale Week** – the deacons have decided not to go ahead with this.
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue & Wed from 10.15.am – 2.00pm. Cheryl will be there on Tuesdays and Thu/Fri mornings.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – canned chickpeas, red lentils, tuna in oil, oil, kidney beans. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our **website**.

### *Song 4: In Christ Alone*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn9-UNer6MQ>

### *Blessing*

May the Lord of all generations, whose love spans our years, keep us ever mindful of the wonderful gift of life; childhood to fulfilment of age, that we so rejoice in each other, that we live our days with respect, compassion and mutual responsibility; to the glory of Christ.

The blessing of Almighty God - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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