Order of Service

Song: Lifter of my head – Psalm 3

Prayer

Song: O for a heart to praise my God

Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Ephesians 4:7-13

Kids Talk

Sermon

Song: The King of love my shepherd is

- Please pray for Steve and Nat, Elyse, Daniel and Owen. Recently, Steve's father died, and it is a season of change for them as Elyse returns to Australia. Sometimes they see situations of violence, stealing and behaviour that is "ugly and sinful." May God sustain them every step.
- "*If our prayers do not obtain the benefits we desire, this does not necessarily mean that they are fruitless. Unfulfilled prayer can server as a means to produce far deeper and more valuable benefits than those we originally request* (James and Joel Beeke)." May God give us this attitude to us.
- The Wilkins family – Ben and Antonia, with Theodore, Cedric, Jemima and Domonic, are drawing closer to leaving for Togo, West Africa, in January. Thank God for the believers of Togo. May they grow in Christ.

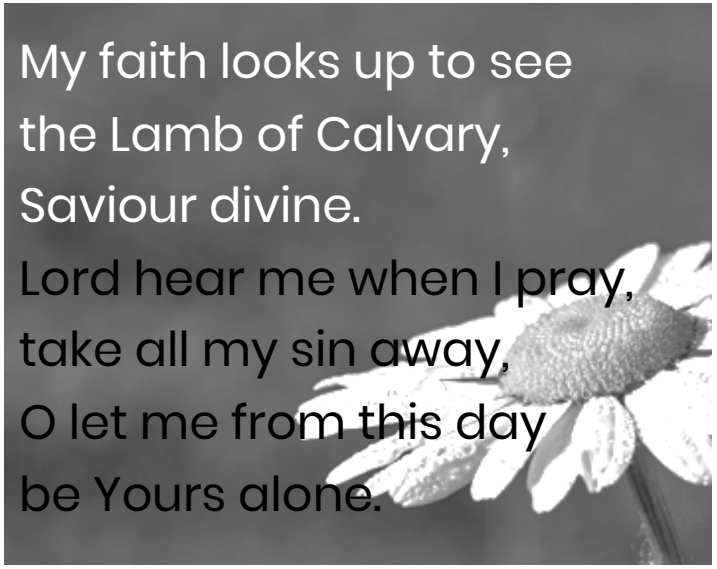
When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glaring sun,
When we stand with Christ in glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

\- Robert Murray McCheyne

Walcha Presbyterian Church

to show God's love by word and deed

to encourage others to follow Him



Sunday 15 November 2026

Welcome and please join us for a cuppa after the service

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Notices

Membership- Membership is for professing Christians who are baptised. It is committing to a local church and requires a credible declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

Baptism- After the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, He commanded baptism (Matt. 28:19; also Acts 10:48). **Talk to Graham, Doug or Gordon**

Christmas carols – save the date, Sunday 20th December…

Graham - will be away on 29th November at a camp on the Central Coast.

God's Word:

Nov 15 – Philippians 1:1 (Who are overseers?)
Nov 22 – Philippians 1:1 (Who are the deacons?)
Nov 29 – Gordon

	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
Kids' Talk	Fiona	Alex	Graham??
Door	Cameron	Val	Eamon
Morning Tea	Bardens	Jacquie + Sam	Edith + Lorna
Reading	Val	John	Yvette

Philippians 1:1

"To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons…"

But who are the Overseers?

- In the New Testament, the words **"elder"** (Acts 20:17; I Pet. 5:1; Tit. 1:5,7), **"overseer/bishop"** (Acts 20:28; Phil. 1:1; Tit. 1:7; 1 Tim. 3:1) and **"shepherd"** (1 Peter 5:2; Eph. 4:11) seem to be used interchangeably.
- Pastors/elders/overseers <u>shepherd</u> people spiritually.

What are the biblical qualifications for such elders? The Apostle Paul lists the following qualifications:

• self-controlled (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:8), • hospitable (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:8), • able to teach (1 Tim. 3:2; 5:17; Tit. 1:9), • not violent but gentle (1 Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7), • not quarrelsome (1 Tim. 3:3), • not a lover of money (1 Tim. 3:3), • not a recent convert (1 Tim. 3:6), • have a good reputation with outsiders (1 Tim. 3:7), • not overbearing (Tit.1:7), • not quick-tempered (Tit. 1:7), • love what is good (Tit. 1:8), • upright and holy (Tit. 1:8),	• disciplined (Tit. 1:8), • above reproach (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:6), • husband of one wife (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:6), • temperate (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:7), • respectable (1 Tim. 3:2), • not given to drunkenness (1 Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7), • manages his family well (1 Tim. 3:4), • see that their children obey him (1 Tim. 3:4-5; Tit. 1:6), • not pursue dishonest gain (Tit. 1:7), • and hold to the truth (Tit. 1:9).

The pattern of the New Testament, seems to show that each congregation is shepherded by a group of godly elders/pastors, not individuals (e.g. Acts 14:23; 20:17; 28).

Internal and *external* call.

Not representatives, but qualifications.

"You were straying like sheep, but you have now returned to the Shepherd, and to the Bishop of your souls" – Christ Jesus (1 Pet. 2:25).