



## Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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*"In the Community for the Community"*

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## Listening to God

I often wish I could pick up a phone and have a conversation with God. How privileged were the first people to have a conversation with God as with a friend on an early evening stroll through the garden?

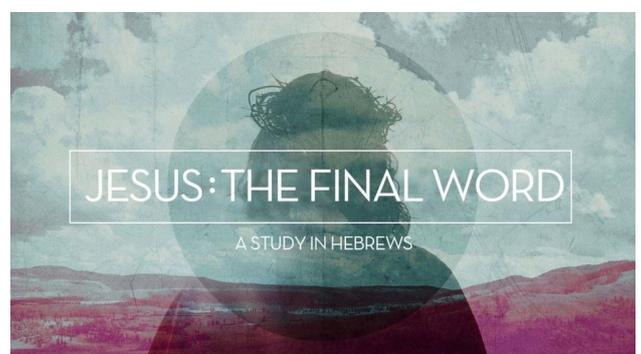
Speaking to God is relatively easy. Listening to and hearing God speak to us is often more challenging. In 1 Samuel 3:1b we read that "in those days messages from the LORD were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon." And when God did speak to Samuel, he did not recognise God's voice.

Although not dependent on it, it seems like the better our relationship with God is, the easier it is to recognise God's voice. And like any other conversation, the better we pay attention the better we hear what the other person is saying.

Some ways in which we hear God's voice (through creation, situations, other people and our own thoughts and emotions) is subjective and need to be handled responsibly and with care. God's voice in and through the life and teaching of Jesus and in the Bible is clear. Hebrews 1:1-2a teaches "Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son."

Listen expectantly and intentionally and we will hear God's voice.

Jaco



ORDER OF SERVICE  
Theme: Listening to God

*Welcome*

*Bible brought in*      **Speak, O Lord**

*Call to Worship*

*Song*                      **I will enter his gates with thanksgiving  
Be still for the presence of the Lord**

*Prayer*

*Notices and Celebrations*

*Readings*                **1 Samuel 3: 1-10  
John 1: 43-51**



*Children*

*Offering and Prayer*    **Take my life and let it be**

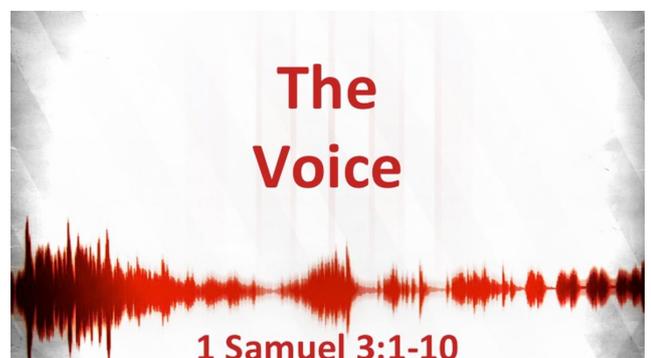
*Message*                 **Listening to God**

*Listening*                **Silent Prayer  
Sing: Turn your eyes upon Jesus**

*Prayer for Others*

*Song*                      **Still**                      Digital

*Benediction*



*Prayer available after Service*

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**Join us for refreshments in the lounge**

*We are grateful that we are in Covid-19 Alert Level 1 but encourage everybody to continue to be sensible and take good care of yourself and those around you.*

**All visitors are more than welcome!** If you like us to get in contact with you or receive our emails, please complete the visitor form in the foyer or give your details to Jaco.

**Summer Picnic!** On Sunday 31 January a bus will leave from church after the service (around 10:50) for Kulim Park where Chris and Chrissy will have everything ready for a lovely picnic. Bring a camp chair if you have one. The bus will return to the church at 14:00. You are welcome to invite family and friends to join in. Cost: \$5 per person. Please let Marie or Jaco know if you want to go by Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup>.



Join the **Sunday morning Prayer Group** in Jaco's office from 09:00 every Sunday.

**We need pray-ers** to join the team of people available in the front of the church to pray with and for people after services. Let Jaco know if you can do this about once a month.

The **Spiritual Growth Group** meets every first and third Wednesday of the month at 13:00 in the lounge. Consider joining this caring group where we openly and sincerely explore different aspects of our relationship with God and walk of faith. On 3 February we'll start a series about Jesus based on the book: Jesus. Radical, Righteous, Relevant by Stephan Joubert.

**Men's Coffee Group** meets every Tuesday at the Mitre 10 café at 10am for good conversation and friendship. All men welcome!  
Contact Mike: 578 0192

**Ladies Coffee Group** meets on Tuesdays at Columbus Coffee Gate Pa at 10am. Everybody is welcome to join this happy gathering.  
Contact Cynthia 544 3053

**Ministry Intern:** Joshua Tepou returns from his first block course in Dunedin on 11 February and his commissioning is being planned for 14 February during our morning service.

## ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Rev Dr. Jaco Reyneke  
**VESTRY ELDER:** Louise Hediger  
**MORNING TEA:** Jeanette Stewart, Jean Whiteman  
**DOOR / OFFERING:** Margaret Wakefield  
**HEALING/PRAYER MINISTRY:** Gaye Wilson

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 17th January**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Rev. Dr. Jaco Reyneke  
**VESTRY ELDER:** Louise Hediger  
**MORNING TEA:** Judith Thomas, Pat Collins  
**DOOR / OFFERING:** Philip Temple  
**HEALING/PRAYER MINISTRY:** Gail Walker



**If you need prayer**, please *come to the front of the church after the service*. There will be someone to pray with you. If you would like the **Prayer Chain** to pray for you, or for your prayer need to be made known on the Sunday bulletin, talk to Gail Walker or Jaco.

### **Please pray:**

For the people in the UK and other countries struggling with the effects of Covid-19 at the moment; For calm, law and order to return to the USA; Against the rise of violence (now more regularly involving firearms) in our country; That everybody will continue to work together in our response against Covid-19.

**Individual Needs:** Mike Giles; Iris Dudson; Elsje Gurney; Joan Bryant; Rev Neil Whimp; Rowie Morris; Claire Stuit (chemo went well; had stem cell infusion on Friday); Way family after Doreen's passing; Lydia Kruger (eldest brother passed in South Africa on Wednesday), Helena Van der Spuy.

**Give Thanks:** for God's goodness and grace undeservedly received every day.

