



Welcome to Burwood Uniting Church

Grounded in Faith/Engaged in the World, BUC is called
To know God personally and God's mission for the world
To be an adventurous Christ-Centred Community
To relate through God's reconciling love, to all people
To respond faithfully to the urging of the Spirit

Sunday 31st December 2023, 10.00am

First Sunday after Christmas Day

A special welcome to first time worshippers.

May you be blessed through your time with us.

This service is being live streamed so please join us in **LIVE** worship at 10.00am at this link:

[BUC service live 31 Dec.](#) If you miss the start or wish to view it later, just open [YouTube](#) on your TV or IT device and search for "Burwood Uniting Church Melbourne".

Worship led by Rev. Paul Ryu and Fran Willmott.

SONG OF WELCOME **TIS 152** *Joyful, joyful, we adore you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

NOTICES & SHARING

WE SING **TIS 312** *Once in Royal David's city.*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

OFFERING HYMN **TIS 317** *Love came down at Christmas.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Luke 2:22-40

LOOKING BACK ON 2023

MESSAGE *"Witnessed life."*

MUSIC REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT & BLESSING

SONG OF BLESSING **TIS 778** *Shalom to you now.*

BUC Prayer Focus:

- Lord open my ears to your guidance as I move into this New Year
- Please give me courage to make the changes needed in my life.

SUNDAY 7 January:

10.00 am Worship Leaders: Rev Paul Ryu, Fran Willmott

Lectionary Readings: Gn 1:1-5; Ps 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mk 1:4-11

Contact Paul on: paul.j.ryu@gmail.com mobile 0421 528 233 text preferred.

PEW SHEET: Please forward all notices to **RICHARD** richard.hedding@gmail.com by Wednesday 5.00pm. Please state for which date/s you need your notice to be listed. Neither the church email, nor the Office will be accessed for this process, so do not leave any messages in the Office.

THANK YOU: On Behalf of the BUC Congregation present in person or online: Thank you to all who made the fourth Advent morning worship and its availability online, possible. You led us to recapture the sense of 'waiting in wonder' that Advent invites. May the blessing of hope, joy, peace and love be upon each one as we venture into the New Year.

Jessie Clark

PRAYER NETWORK: For the month of January please forward prayers to be circulated to Max at mandf.procter@gmail.com or 0435 602 453 by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed.

BUC UPCOMING EVENTS and SERVICES: are listed in the latest Calendar under Communications on the website.

WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES AT BUC: As we gather please remember that COVID-19 is still very alive, along with other infectious diseases like colds and flu.

- Observe personal space and respect others safety.
- Hand sanitizer is available, please use it.
- Masks, are available, and are a great way of staying safe and not spreading germs.
- If you are involved in serving food a mask is required.
- If unwell please rest up at home and join us in online worship.

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS AND CLEANING GOODS: Please continue donations for Camcare, Burwood East Uniting and Burwood Neighbourhood House. Place your donations in the box in

church on Sunday mornings as you enter. You can still contribute in the foyer at any time during the week.

BARRY'S PLACE DROP- IN is open Thursdays 10.00 – 11.30am throughout January. An opportunity for us all to keep in touch and for locals to drop in, during this month, when often community groups are not meeting.

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY: Paul will have this day off and we will be lead in our communion service by Rev Dr Bob Mitchell. Bob is looking forward to being with us again, hopefully those who know him will be able to be here to make him feel at home.

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REGULAR SERVICE

Sunday Worship: 10.00 am: Face to face in the Worship Centre