



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 2ND OF SEPTEMBER 2018

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

New to Church? We do understand that coming to a church meeting can be an uncomfortable experience for many people. We don't want you to feel anxious. Our style is relaxed and friendly and nobody will be put on the spot or asked to do something unfamiliar. ***You can simply be here and observe or participate to the degree you are comfortable.*** You do not have to be a Christian; this is an opportunity, in a non-threatening environment to learn more about who Jesus is and why we want to follow him. If you don't feel like praying, singing, or even standing up you don't need to, no one will think less of you. We will try to explain some aspects of the meeting as we go but we realise that some of our practices may seem strange. If you have any questions about why we do any of the things we do please don't hesitate to ask anyone who's involved with the service. Our pastor would love to answer any questions you have about the service or the message.

Children's Ministry - Children are an important part of all we do.

In the second half of the meeting during the teaching time a program is available for children. ***The children's group***, 3 to 9 years old, will meet in Classroom 3. ***Pre-teens***, over 9 years old, will meet in the Crèche room opposite the hall entrance. This will be a time of interactive fun and teaching at their level so they too can understand the things concerning Jesus. You are **free as families** to send your children to that program **or** to keep them in the main meeting. We encourage children to be part of the main meeting as we believe God's heart for them is large and they too are able to learn the great things of the Christian faith. **There are worksheets available at the back for use during the message if you find this helpful.**

Crèche: AREA 1 – This is available for **0 to 2 year olds**, during the sermon time, in the room on the right hand side of the building directly opposite the hall entrance. The person running the crèche will be waiting and available at the back of the hall. If they are not there then they will already be serving in the crèche room. **AREA 2** - The back part of the meeting room also has a child-friendly area where parents can feel a little more relaxed with their small children but still join in the worship.

Thanks again for joining with us this morning. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.

Call to Worship Psalm 150¹

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Praise to The Lord*

Author: Joachim Neander

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

² Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him.
Let the "Amen,"
Sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him.

Mighty to Save

Authors: Kate B. Wilkinson, Dorothy Ann Thrupp

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations
Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything i believe in
Now I surrender
Saviour he can move the mountains

*My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus (**REPEAT**)

*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Remembering Fathers Ephesians 6:1-4

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honour your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

A Father's Day Prayer – silently then together

We give thanks to you Lord for the creation and gift of fatherhood, for its goodness, its strength and its potential for such good in our world.

We remember our fathers and honour them and pray Your grace and blessing in their lives.

Grant us to know how to honour them for the sacrifices they have made to love, lead and serve us.

We pray for young dads and dads to be that You would give them strength, wisdom and the joy of seeing their children follow You.

We remember the fatherless, asking you to be a Father to them.

We pray for our society and government to uphold, encourage and protect the crucial role of being a dad.

And, Lord, where there is pain and difficulty in relationships with dads, we ask that you would bring understanding, grace and healing.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Though the Pastor is the one who prays aloud we can all pray together and express in our hearts the things that we want to bring to a gracious God. In this way, too, we practise love and care for one another.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Man of Sorrows*

Authors: Brooke Ligertwood, Matt Crocker

Man of sorrows Lamb of God

By His own betrayed

The sin of man and wrath of God

Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused

Beaten mocked and scorned

Bowing to the Father's will

He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation

Where your love poured out over me

Now my soul cries out hallelujah

Praise and honour unto Thee.

Sent of heaven God's own Son

To purchase and redeem

And reconcile the very ones

Who nailed Him to that tree

Oh that rugged cross my salvation

Where your love poured out over me

Now my soul cries out hallelujah

Praise and honour unto Thee.

Now my debt is paid

It is paid in full

By the precious blood

That my Jesus spilled

Now the curse of sin

Has no hold on me

Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed!

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee.*

Scripture Reading Romans 15:1-7 (Church Bible p949)

Dedication of offering and prayer for children

Giving to the Lord is a free will offering from the hearts of those who believe in Jesus for salvation. No one will be asked to give; this is simply between you and the Lord. That is why we have a box by the door. Please see endnote (p14) for further information about the offering.

Message Romans 15:1-7 *“Postcards from Heaven”*

There are worksheets at the back for children if you wish during the message

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

- I. A BROKEN WORLD**

- II. BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER**

- III. BEARING AND BUILDING, verses 1 & 2**

IV. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT JESUS DID, verse 3

V. KEYS TO HARMONY

A. THROUGH THE BIBLE THAT SHOWS US CHRIST, verse 4

B. THROUGH BEING FOCUSED ON CHRIST, verses 5 & 6

C. THROUGH CHRIST'S ACCEPTANCE OF YOU, verse 7

CONCLUSION: At the Lord's Supper

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper *At The Fountain*

Authors: Pacific Crossroads Church

There is healing at the fountain
Come and find it weary soul,
There your sins will all be covered
Jesus waits to make you whole
*O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain
Look to Jesus now and live
At the cross lay all your burdens
All your wanderings He'll forgive
*O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain
Precious fountain filled with blood,
Come O come the Saviour calls you,

Come and plunge beneath this flood.

O the blessed healing fountain

I'm so glad it's flowing free

O the precious cleansing fountain

Praise the Lord it washes over me! (REPEAT)

The Lord's Supper *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 15. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Corporate prayer of confession and repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;

We have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have not done those things which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But You, O Lord are merciful.

Forgive us, O Lord, as we confess our faults.

Restore us as we repent, according to Your promises
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;

that we may live a godly,
righteous, and holy life,

To the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**³

³ Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

Assurance of Grace *Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 60. *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Prayer David Bruner

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Closing Song *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*

Author: Edward Parronet

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

BENEDICTION⁴

⁴ Benediction: literally, "good word" or "speak well"; a verbal blessing pronounced in God's name by the Pastor, at the conclusion of the service, sending us forth from this special time as we continue our lives seeking to know and follow Jesus.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Romans 15:1-7

1. This passage concludes this great section on how believers can deal with differences and so show something great to the world in its unity and harmony. What does it picture to the world and how important is it? What need in the world does it speak to?
2. In verse 2, what three attitudes and actions are we obligated to have towards each other? Discuss what that looks like. Why do you think it is important that Paul uses the word 'neighbor'?
3. How does Jesus show the ultimate example of what is being called for here?
4. These are challenging calls to us all. Paul says in verse 5 that it is a work of God in us. Discuss and apply these three ways we can open ourselves up to that work:
 - Through the Bible that shows us Christ, verse 4
 - Through being focused on Christ, verse 5
 - Through Christ's acceptance of you, verse 7. Here, think about how 'legalism' creates disunity, but grace creates unity.
5. How does the Lord's Supper speak to us of the things we have been studying?

NOTICE PAGES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

When Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive Torbay
Contact Pastor Pete 473 9390 or 021 0367 957
Note Meets for bring & share lunch, last Sunday of the month

Pinehill

When Every 2nd Thursday evening, 6:30 pm
Where Bruners' home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
Contact Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 2nd of September, **today**

Event – Talent Night

What Sophia Burton has committed to a year of Gospel service in Japan next year. This event has been organized as a fund raiser to help her in that. It will take the form of a Talent Night.

When Saturday the 3rd of November

Where Torbay Community Hall

English Language Help

A group from Shore is providing ESL service to our community. We gather weekly to get to know new neighbours from around the world and help them learn to speak English and function in Kiwi society. We also seek to incorporate an introduction to the gospel and a welcome to church.

When 10:00-11:00am Tuesdays

Where A'ruma Café, 252 Oteha Valley Road, Unit H2, Albany

Bible Study for Women

What Encouraging and helping one another. Studying: *"Whiter the Snow"* (meditations on sin & mercy in Psalm 51), by Paul Tripp.

When TBA – please ask one of the ladies.

Where TBA

Shore Pres Church Camp

What A weekend away to rest, deepen our relationships and grow in the Lord.

Where Campbell Park Christian Camp, Mangawhai Heads

When Friday 15th to Sunday 17th of February 2019

Please note your diaries

Men's ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
This week: Chapter 12 of "Union With Christ," which deals with the means of abiding, i.e. our use of the means of grace God has given us.

When Tues. 4th of September, 7:00 pm, (monthly first Tuesday)

Where Steve's place, 2/11 Regatta Road, Torbay

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 12th of September (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)

Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 9th of September

SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Janet Boyd	Malcolm Tasker	Dennis and Callum Boyd	Volunteers	Volunteers

Shore Presbyterian Church Giving Information

Throughout the Bible the giving of tithes and offerings has always been seen as a part of the believer's worship to God. Apart from other charitable giving it's important for Christians to help financially sustain the ministry of the local church they are a part of. If you wish to become a regular giver at Shore Presbyterian, please see our Treasurer Cathy Tasker who can provide you with a number so that you can receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year. There are two ways to give: you can place your offering in the box in the entrance. If you wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year you can put the offering in an envelope with your number on it. You can also give online through automatic deposit. The Shore Presbyterian Church bank account number is 12-3059-0631003-00. Make sure you record your number with the deposit.

If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Peter Boyd (021 0367 957 or petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker (cathytasker@gmail.com).

Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper

Prayer of uncertainty *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

Prayer for those searching for truth *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

Prayer of belief *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

Prayer of commitment *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

Prayer for those struggling with sin *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

Prayer for the believer *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*



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