



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 14TH OF OCTOBER 2018

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 19:1-4, 7-8, 10-14¹

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
- ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world....
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;...
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer of adoration, approach and confession

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

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Come Thou Fount*

Author: Robert Robinson

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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

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.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 (Church Bible p979)

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 Assurance and Thankfulness *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)*

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Jesus I Come*

Author: William Sleeper

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-19 (Church Bible p1)

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 (p16) for further information about the offering.

Message *“What if there is life on other planets?”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. WHY IT CAPTURES THE IMAGINATION

A. Science Fiction

B. SETI

C. More religious and spiritual than scientific

II. SCIENCE FICTION: BLURRING THE DISTINCTION

III. SETI, BIG BANG AND EVOLUTION

IV. ALIEN ENCOUNTERS AND EXPERIENCES

V. CHRISTIAN CERTAINTIES

A. The Certainty of Biblical Truth

B. The Certainty of the Centrality of the Earth in God's Plan

C. The Certainty of God's Power over All

D. The Certainty of the Cross

Closing Song *Arise My Soul Arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.
He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

BENEDICTION³

³ 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 Readings Genesis 1:1-19
 Ephesians 6:10-20
 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Corinthians 11:14;
 Galatians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:1-4

1. Why do you think the idea of the possibility of life on other planets has become so mainstream? Do you think it's possible? Discuss. What issues are at stake?
2. In Science Fiction, where does the Science stop, and the Fiction begin?
3. How is the search for extra-terrestrial life linked with Big Bang cosmology and biological evolution? Again, what are the implications?
4. Do you know of anyone, or have you, experienced any so-called alien phenomena or encounters? Is it possible that they are demonic deceptions? And if so, what would their purpose be?
5. How is God's word a more certain place for finding a cohesive worldview?
6. How does it answer the question of life on other planets? Think about the centrality of earth in God's plan, especially in terms of creation, fall, redemption and restoration. What is the place of the heavenly bodies in this scheme?
7. What are the certainties that the cross of Christ gives us? How does this encourage you?

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 Thursdays – 1st, 3rd (and 5th) of the month, 6:30 pm
Where Bruners' home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
Contact Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Kid's Ministry

Please note today Kid's Ministry is on term break. It will resume on Sunday the 21st of October.

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 4th of November

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

Men's ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
Studying together Rankin Willbourne's *"Union with Christ"*.

When Tues. 6th of November, 7:00 pm, (monthly 1st Tuesday)

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

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 24th of Oct (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)

Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Church Annual General Meeting

What Now we are a Particular Church we need to hold Annual General Meetings. This is for church members to hear reports on the life of the Church, make any decisions that need to be made and approve the annual Church Budget. A key item for us to discuss, is a way of continuing David Bruner's wonderful ministry among us, whilst enabling him to be established in fruitful ministry at City Pres.

When Sunday the 28th of October, after worship.

Printed information on back table

General Assembly

The General Assembly of Grace Presbyterian Church is meeting in Manurewa Monday 15th to Friday the 19th of October. This is a great expression of the unity of the Church and part of what it means to be Presbyterian, i.e., that we are part of something larger than just our own local work. Pastors and Elders meet to discuss, pray and make decisions on matters concerning the whole church. Peter, David and Malcolm will be in attendance. Please remember this in your prayers.

Opportunities for ladies at the General Assembly

There are some meetings that may be of interest to the ladies. These also provide a great opportunity to connect with people from our other churches.

Get Together for Pastor's Wives

When Tuesday October 16th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Where Grace Theological College, 77 Rogers Rd Manurewa
Who for Pastor's wives

Encouragement: Seminar and Discussion

When Wednesday October 17th, 9:30 am-11:30 am
Where Grace Theological College, 77 Rogers Rd Manurewa
Who for All women from our denomination

Let's come meet together and be encouraged together!

Ministering to those who have suffered from sexual abuse:

Seminar and Discussion

When Wednesday October 17th 7 p.m.-9 p.m
Where Grace Theological College, 77 Rogers Rd Manurewa
Who for Women from Grace who are involved in ministry to others– Pastors and elders wives and other women involved in ministry

For more information contact:

Sue Bracefield - 022 600-9693, sueb@mcctrust.nz
Anne Camp - 021 206-4978, sacamp@xtra.co.nz

Bible Study for Women

What Encouraging and helping one another. Studying: *"Whiter than Snow" (meditations on sin & mercy in Psalm 51)*
When Saturday the 27th of October, 3:00 pm.
Where Janet's home, 15 Summit Drive Torbay

Sermon Programme

In the month of October we will take time for some topical sermons answering the questions that have been handed in.

We will also have a guest preacher, Josh Eyre from Grace Presbyterian Church, Christchurch. Josh has been active in student ministry for many years and is now a Candidate to be a Pastor.

The October programme looks like this:

- 7 October** *“What is there to do in heaven?”*
14 October *“What if there is life on other planets?”*
21 October *Josh Eyre*
28 October *David Bruner – “Suicide”*

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

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 21st of October

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	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis and Callum	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).

Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest (more available on the website: shorepres.org.nz)

We want to be a community of grace. The Church has not always represented Jesus well; sometimes it has been harsh and hurtful. Often people are struggling with great hurts in life as well as great questions and doubts. We desire to be a community that provides acceptance and allows for time to heal and room to work through doubts and fears as we all learn together from the grace and wisdom that Jesus offers.

We want to love and to serve. One of the great joys of being a Christian is in knowing how much Jesus, who is God, has loved and served us. So in response we seek to love and serve others, both within the Christian community and into the community in which we live. We hope that the warmth of our Sunday meetings expresses something of that Jesus kind of love.

We want to worship. We are committed to meeting to worship God for His glory and grace and that our gathered worship is the high point of our lives. We also believe that worship extends to every part of our lives and our daily pursuits and that we serve and honour Him in all that we do. We are committed to corporate worship that embraces and respects those who may not yet believe. For that reason we try to practice a worship that is orderly and understandable; and that does not demand any more involvement than a visitor is willing or able to give.

We want to be missional. That is to say we don't believe we exist as Christians for our own sake. Rather Christ has commanded and modelled for us a way of life marked by neighbour love. We are to do good in the world and to care for our culture and our communities. We are to serve Him where we worship, where we work, where we study, where we live, even where we play. We also believe that the Good News of sins forgiven and everlasting life through the death and resurrection of Jesus is the message that everyone needs to hear.

We believe the Bible. That is to say, we believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that that is where God speaks authoritatively. The Bible is the place to find answers to the great questions of life. So the Bible takes central place in our worship, our gatherings and in our lives.

We believe the Gospel. We believe the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God who died and rose again to bring us into an eternal relationship with God through the forgiveness of sins.

We believe in Jesus. We believe that the man Jesus was born of a virgin and is the Son of God, that He lived a fully obedient life and gave His life as a substitute on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so that we could be forgiven, declared righteous in Him and live forever with Him in a new heaven and a new earth. We believe He rose from the dead and reigns now and will come again in victory.

We are Confessional. We also hold to a statement of beliefs called the Westminster Confession of Faith. It is secondary to the Bible but helpfully sets out in ordered form what we believe the Bible teaches on important doctrines. Elders and pastors vow commitment to that confession at their ordination.

We are Presbyterian. This relates particularly to our form of government. Local church is led by elders who conform to biblical standards for leadership and are elected by the congregation who desire their spiritual care and oversight. Elders from a number of local churches also serve in regional bodies called Presbytery, which also provides wider wisdom and help to the local congregations. The Church leadership also meets once a year in a national assembly to consult on matters of importance to the whole church.

We are Reformed. Our doctrinal standards reflect something of the theology of the Reformation in Europe and Great Britain which revived a number of key biblical commitments: Scripture alone, salvation through faith alone, by grace alone, through Christ alone for the glory of God alone. The Reformed faith has a strong sense of the sovereignty of God over the world, its people and its history, and calls for us to submit to His sovereignty in our own lives. This we gladly do since we believe the biblical view is the only one that makes sense of reality.

We are Complementarian. We take seriously what the Bible teaches about the creation of men and women, that they equally bear the image and likeness of God and are equal in dignity and worth. We also believe the Bible teaches unique roles for men and women which are not about status but about finding fulfilment in serving God in the ways He has designed.

We are Covenantal. We believe that God in Christ makes a commitment to His people which the Bible calls a covenant. It expresses His abiding faithfulness to His promises and calls us also to our responsibility in the covenant arrangement to be obedient and faithful. In particular the Bible teaches that God makes a commitment to Christian families which give great spiritual privileges to the children and remind them that they have great responsibility to walk in the faith of their parents which is their spiritual inheritance, and that to rebel brings greater judgement. We believe that children should receive the blessing of baptism because of the position they have before God.

***User warning:** It's a little risky to state right up front what we believe. Such things can be open to misunderstanding or simply viewed as arrogant. Nevertheless not stating them is just as problematical since it leaves people in the dark about what we are committed to. And the bottom line is that for the church to be the church it is significantly committed to something. That being said, please recognise that these are simple statements for ease of reading. They cannot answer all the questions they may create. Those discussions are left to other opportunities – like visiting with us to hear more or by contacting Peter our pastor to discuss them.*



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