



## **Welcome to Worship**

SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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 107:1-9<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever!
- <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble[a]
- <sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- <sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- <sup>5</sup> hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.
- <sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- <sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

## **Prayer of adoration, approach and confession**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *How Great Is Our God*

Author: Chris Tomlin

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

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

The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.*

Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.*

### ***In His Name***

Authors: EMU Music

The prophets saw in ages past  
Light in the distant dawn  
The King is bound in agony  
Will rise to life again  
And in his name a saving word  
Release from every stain  
And in the darkness we have heard  
This is God's only plan  
This is God's only plan

The Son of God now in the flesh  
He seeks to save the lost  
A King who left his majesty  
Behind to set us free  
And in his name a saving word  
Release from every stain  
And in the darkness we have heard  
This is God's only plan  
This is God's only plan

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praises*

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His Spirit gives us words to speak,  
'Jesus Christ is Lord'  
And as he breaks the hardest heart  
He's worshipped and adored  
And in his name a saving word  
Release from every stain  
And in the darkness we have heard  
This is God's only plan  
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My great Redeemer's praises. (REPEAT)*

### **Profession of faith** Psalm 46

**Leader** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

**Leader** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**People** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**Leader** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**People** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**Leader** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**People** Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**Leader** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**ALL** **“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## **Mission Spot** *Sophia Burton – Japan 2019*

**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 confession and Assurance** *Come Ye Sinners*

Author: Joseph Hart

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.

*He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.*

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.

*Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.*

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.

*Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.*

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.

*This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.*

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.

*None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good. (REPEAT)*

## **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word** *Speak O Lord*

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory.



**Scripture Reading** Psalm 88 (Church Bible p494)

**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 (p15) for further information about the offering.

**Message** David Bruner Psalm 88 *“The Dark Night of the Soul”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. THE REALITIES OF SUICIDE, Psalm 88:1-12**

**A. Some statistics**

**B. Complex factors, dark feelings**

**i. Cut off from God, verses 3-7**

**ii. Isolated from others, verse 8**

iii. Listless and hopeless, verses 8-9

## II. THE RICHES OF CHRIST TO BE FOUND, Psalm 88:13-18

A. YOU ARE NOT ALONE! verse 13

B. Jesus, the true singer of Psalm 88

C. The body of Christ and the value of depression

## CONCLUSION

### **Closing Song** *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.

## **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</sup> 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 Psalm 88

1. Why do you think we have such a hard time talking about the issue of suicide? Do you think it is important that we talk about it?
2. Can you relate to the feelings described in Psalm 88 verses 1-12? Have you ever felt suicidal or severely depressed, or been close to someone who has? If we are Christians what can still contribute to our feeling cut off from God, utterly alone, and hopeless?
3. How can we find Jesus even in the midst of the “Dark Night of the Soul?” Is there any value in experiences of deep depression such as Psalm 88? How can we be practically helpful to others experiencing severe depression and suicidality?

### 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, *today*

##### Pinehill

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

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 4<sup>th</sup> of November, **next Sunday**

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, 7:00 pm, **this week**  
*Entry tickets will be \$10 each or \$25 for a family.*

**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. 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 7:00 pm, (monthly 1st Tuesday)

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

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 24<sup>th</sup> of Oct (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month), **this week**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> of October, after worship, **today**

## Bible Study for Women

**What** Encouraging and helping one another. Studying: *“Whiter than Snow” (meditations on sin & mercy in Psalm 51)*

**When** TBA

**Where** Janet’s home, 15 Summit Drive Torbay

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2019

***Please note your diaries***

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November – fellowship lunch

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	Christine and Phoebe	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Ian and Isaac	Volunteers	Volunteers

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### ***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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker ([cathytasker@gmail.com](mailto:cathytasker@gmail.com)).





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