

# **Welcome to Worship**

SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 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 1 Peter 2:4-6<sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

## **Prayer with 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.<sup>2</sup>

### **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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

## **Songs of Adoration**<sup>3</sup> & Praise Cornerstone

Authors: Edward Mote, Reuben Morgan

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name (REPEAT)

Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil
Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

Christ alone; cornerstone

Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, he is Lord Lord of all. (REPEAT)

#### I Love You Lord

Author: Laurie B. Klein
I love you Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship you
Oh my soul rejoice,
Take joy my king
In what you hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In your ears.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

## Reception into membership and baptism

We rejoice in God's grace in Christ as we receive Jesse Son into membership by Profession of Faith and Baptism, and Jessica Hwang by Profession of Faith.

### Membership vows

- **1**. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except for His sovereign mercy?
- **2.** Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- **3.** Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavour to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- **4.** Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- **5.** Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and commit yourself to the purity and peace of the Church?

### **Congregational vow**

Do you as a congregation receive Jesse Son and Jessica Hwang in Christian love, and promise, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen and encourage them in their faith, and to live out your union with them in the peace of Christ?

**Answer:** We do

## Prayer and welcome by the elders

## **Song of Assurance and Thankfulness**

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Author: Author: E.A. Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

> Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

## **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**

### **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.

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:40-45 (Church Bible p837)

## 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 (p11) for further information about the offering.

**Message** Mark 1:40-45 "Our need and His willingness"

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

#### INTRODUCTION

#### I. THE CRISIS OF THE LEPER

- A. Physical
- B. Spiritual
- C. Religious
- D. Social

#### II. THE COMPASSION OF THE LORD

#### III. THE COMPELLING LESSION

- A. BEING LOVED
- B. WE LOVE

#### **CONCLUSION**

## Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper All I Have Is Christ

Author: Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (REPEAT)

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is you
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (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 12. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

## **Prayer** Malcolm Tasker

Closing Song Before The Throne Of God Above
Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.
Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands No tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see him there Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God, the just, is satisfied To look on him and pardon me. To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

### BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</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.

#### 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 (<a href="mailto:cathytasker@gmail.com">cathytasker@gmail.com</a>).

### 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.

### **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

Scripture Reading Leviticus 13:9-17, 45-46; Mark 1:40-45

- 1. In what ways can you relate to the leper's crisis?
- 2. Think about the role of the priest in the Old Testament in relation to illnesses. What could he do and what could he not do? How does that point us to what the law of God can and cannot do for us? Compare to Jesus.
- 3. Do you find the picture of Jesus compelling? Is that simple act of touch meaningful to you? How does it symbolize the work of the cross? How does the presentation of Jesus answer to your deepest need?
- 4. What kind of challenges do we see there in regard to our own heart of compassion to our neighbours and our culture?
- 5. How can we find growth for our own hearts so that we can be more like Jesus?

### A thought

"Nor did he only stretch out his arm to us, but descended from heaven even to hell, and yet contracted no stain from it, but, retaining his innocence, took away all our impurities, and sprinkled us with his holiness. By his word alone he might have healed the leper; but he applied, at the same time, the touch of his hand, to express the feeling of compassion. Nor ought this to excite our wonder, since he chose to take upon him our flesh, that he might cleanse us from our sins. *The stretching out of his hand* was therefore an expression and token of infinite grace and goodness. What we indolently read, and coldly pass by, cannot be duly weighed without great astonishment."

#### **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 – 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 1st Sunday of the month, next: 4th of November, today

### **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 Tues.), *this week* 

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

## **Pastor Pete away**

Next Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Pete and Janet are having a weekend break. In their absence Ian Grant will preach the Word and Paul Burton will lead the worship service, thank you both.

#### Mission/Session News

As shared last Sunday morning Sophia Burton is committed to serving the Lord in Japan next year. The Session have agreed to commit up to \$5000 of the Mission Fund to this mission. Initially \$2,500 will be given and her ongoing needs assessed through the year.

Also Callum Boyd and Emilia Burton are part of a mission trip to Fiji at the end of this month. We have contributed \$500 to each of them from the Mission Fund.

Please uphold Sophia, Emilia and Callum in these matters that the Lord has laid on their hearts.

### **Prayer Meeting**

When 7:15, 14<sup>th</sup> of Nov (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)

Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### **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 11th of November **SHORE KITCHEN & OPEN UP SUPERVISE** HALL TAKE HALL **MORNING** KID'S **CRECHE** & FIRE DOWN & **PLAY** SET-UP **LEADER** TEA **WARDEN CLEAN UP GROUND** Dennis. Anna and Dennis van Volunteer **Keith and Volunteers Volunteers TBA** Christine **Bemmelen** Chris B.



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