



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 11TH OF NOVEMBER 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 34:1-3¹

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

Prayer of adoration, approach and confession

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *10,000 Reasons*

Author: Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger
Your name is great, and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name (REPEAT)*

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Author: Elizabeth Payson Prentiss

More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ to Thee!
*More love, more love, more love to Thee;
More love, more love to Thee!*

Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee!
*More love, more love, more love to Thee;
More love, more love to Thee!*

Then shall my latest breath
Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee!
*More love, more love, more love to Thee; (Repeat 3x)
More love, more love to Thee!*

Corporate prayer of assurance and thanksgiving

Psalm 103:1-5, 8-19

Leader Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

Leader who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

People **who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Leader The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People **He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

Leader He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**

Leader as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

People **As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

Leader For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

People **As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like flower of the field;**

Leader for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

ALL ***But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.***

Song of Assurance and Thankfulness

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Author: Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing,
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Saviour liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his,
How can I keep from singing?

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

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 James 2:14-26 (Church Bible p1012)

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Just As I Am*

By Charlotte Elliott

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Message *James 2:14-26* *"Can your faith save you?"*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

I. INTRODUCTION: JAMES 2:14 - CAN YOUR FAITH SAVE YOU?

II. THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE FOR JAMES IN 2:14-26

A. *What makes faith real? And*

B. *can we be sure that our faith is a saving faith?*

To address the issue, James gives 4 illustrations:

- ***15-17 ill clad and hungry believer,***

- ***18-20 the troubled demons who know the truth but it doesn't save them,***

- ***21-24 Abraham the friend of God,***

- ***25-26 Rahab who welcomed Joshua's spies and saves her family.***

III. THE STRUCTURE OF THE ARGUMENT OF 2:14-26

IV. HOW CAN WE BE ASSURED OF FAITH AND KNOW PEACE WITH GOD?

V. CONCLUSIONS

What would James look for as evidence of the reality of my faith?

Structural outline of James 2:14-16

(Adapted from A. Motyer *Bible Speaks Today*. IVP 1990. Page 108)

The Context Question; v14 Can faith without works save you?

A1. (verses 15-17)

(a) faith that will prove to be false is ineffectual toward others: the hungry are sent away unfed (verses 15-16).

(b) Summary statement (verse 17): faith lacking evidential work is dead.

B1. (verses 18-20)

(a) faith that will prove to be false is ineffectual toward God: it gives no peace with God, demons know truth about God but it leaves them in terror. (verses 18-19)

(b) Summary statement (verse 20): faith, separated from the works which validate it, is barren.

B2. (verses 21-24)

(a) Genuine faith is effectual toward God: Like Abraham's faith, it shows itself in works of obedience to the will of God (verses 21-23)

(b) Summary statement (verses 24): works of obedience provide the evidence that faith is true, a faith that justifies.

A2. (verses 25-26)

(a) Genuine faith is effectual toward others: reaches out in compassion to people at risk (verse 25)

(b) Summary statement (verse 26): it is the activity of 'works' that reveals faith as a living entity.

Closing Song *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.*

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 Reading James 2:14-26

1. Compare and contrast Romans 3:28 and James 2:26
2. How should we deal with the apparent tension between the writing of Paul and James?
3. Are the writings of Paul and James - contradictory or complementary and why? - Context is Key.
4. So how can you be assured of faith and know peace with God?
5. Consider Matthew 25:31-46. What are the implications of the overall teaching of James 2:14-26 in the light of the final judgment?

NOTICE PAGES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

When Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm
Where Burton's home, 6 Allender Drive Torbay, *note change*
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

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 2nd of December

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. 4th of December, 7:00 pm, (monthly 1st Tues.)

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

Pastor Pete away

Today, Pastor Pete and Janet are having a weekend break. In their absence Ian Grant is preaching the Word and Paul Burton will lead the worship service, thank you both.

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 14th of Nov (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), **this week**

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 15th to Sunday 17th of February 2019

Please note your diaries

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 18th of November

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	Lydia Song	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Song fam. and Carl	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).



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