



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 116:1-9<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- <sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;
- <sup>9</sup> I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

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

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise**

#### *All Creatures Of Our God And King*

Author: St. Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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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.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice,  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Praise all ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others take your part  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

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  
This is God's only plan  
*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praises  
O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praises. (REPEAT)*

**Scripture Reading** Hebrews 10:19-25 (Church Bible p1007)

### **Reception into membership**

We rejoice in God's grace in Christ as we receive Phoebe Cheung and Margaret Jones into membership today.

## 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 Margaret and Phoebe 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 Thankfulness *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)*

**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** *Abide With Me*

Author: Henry F. Lyte

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.



Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see,  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heavn's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

### **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.

**Scripture Reading** Romans 16:1-16 (Church Bible p950)

**Message** *Romans 16:1-16 "Glory in jars of clay"*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

## **I. GRACE-FILLED DIVERSITY**

**A. Real people real history**

**B. Ethnicity**

**C. Social Class**

**D. Gender**

**1. There is gender**

**2. There is worth**

**3. There is flourishing in Christ**

**4. There is complementarity in roles**

**a) Family, church and roles**

**b) Examples**

**○ Phoebe**

**○ Priscilla**

**○ The workers**

**5. There is fulfilment in service**

**a) Danvers statement**

**CONCLUSION - GOSPEL GLORIFYING UNITY**

**1. Our oneness is in Christ**

**2. How Christ makes us one**

**3. How we work at oneness**

**Closing Song** *This I Believe*

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting

The all creating one

God Almighty

Through your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father*

*I believe in Christ the Son*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit*

*Our God is three in one*

*I believe in the resurrection*

*That we will rise again*

*For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our Judge and our Defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in you  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

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I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
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## **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** Romans 16:1-16; Galatians 3:28

1. Why should we study this passage?
2. As you read Paul's list of names and greetings what stands out to you?
3. What is the diversity reflected there? How has the Gospel brought unity in that diversity? Do we see that glorious diversity in the Church today and what does it say to the world?
4. Discuss particularly the women Paul mentions. What does he say about them? What do you think about the complementarian view of role relationships in the church and family? Discuss the idea that it is not about status but about serving the Redeemer.
5. How does unity in such diversity come about and how do we ensure it remains and flourishes even in our own Church?

“With half the world’s population outside the reach of indigenous evangelism; with countless other lost people in those societies that have heard the Gospel; with the stresses and miseries of sickness, malnutrition, homelessness, illiteracy, ignorance, aging, addiction, crime, incarceration, neuroses, and loneliness, no man or woman who feels a passion from God to make His grace known in word and deed need ever live without a fulfilling ministry for the glory of Christ and the good of this fallen world”. (Affirmation 9 of The Danvers Statement from the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, 1988.)

## 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 7:00 pm, (monthly 1st Tues.)  
**Where** Steve's place, 2/11 Regatta Road, Torbay

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 28<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***

### Ladies End of Year Lunch

**What** As the year is coming to a rapid close, we thought to get together for a ladies fellowship and ***shared lunch***:

- To Share with each other what we are thankful to God for this year;
- To Bless and encourage each other;
- To Share faith with our friends and neighbours. ***Please do invite others.***

Please bring **ANY** salad **OR** dessert (*to accompany a Christmas ham and baked chickens which have been already freely contributed towards our luncheon*).

**When** Saturday, 8 December at 11-2pm

**Where** Lydia Song has kindly opened her hospitable home at 28 Huntington Park Dr, Greenhithe

***Carpooling can be arranged. Please RSVP Anna by 15 Nov.***

## Christmas Events

- **Carols on the Green**  
Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> of December 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Browns Bay Village Green  
*Brought to you by the Churches of East Coast Bays and the ECB Community Project*
- **The first annual “A Very Long Bay Christmas”**  
Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> of December from 4:30 pm  
Ridge Park, 21 Te Oneroa Way  
*Brought to you by Long Bay Baptist, Torbay Anglican, Shore Presbyterian and the Long Bay Residents Association*
- **Christmas at Shore Pres**
  - Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 10 am, “There IS Light!”
  - Christmas Morning, 9 am, “The Gift that keeps on giving”

## The Abortion Issue

Please note **THREE** important leaflets on the back table:

1. An important letter to Jacinda Ardern
2. The “We Love Them Both” advertisement, see also [chooselife.nz](http://chooselife.nz)
3. National March for Life in Wellington, see also [marchforlife.nz](http://marchforlife.nz)

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> 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	Gretchen and Kerin	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Steve B 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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker ([cathytasker@gmail.com](mailto:cathytasker@gmail.com)).



## **Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest** (more available on the website: [shorepres.org.nz](http://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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