



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 9TH OF DECEMBER 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 Luke 1:68-75¹

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Prayer of adoration, approach and confession

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Joy to the World*

Author: Isaac Watts

Joy to the world the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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

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

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders, of his love.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

African American Spiritual

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light,

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.*

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth,

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.*

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation,
That blessed Christmas morn,

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.*

Corporate Profession of Faith Shorter Catechism Q & A 23-26

Q. 23. What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his state of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 24. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word, and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Q. 25. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Q. 26. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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 Praise *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Author: Charles Wesley

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He who's glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born with-in a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *O Holy Night*

Author: Adolphe Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!

O night divine, the night when Christ was born;
O night, O holy night, O night divine!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Now come the wisemen from orient land.
The King of kings lay thus lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend,
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another,
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever,
His power and glory ever more proclaim!
His power and glory ever more proclaim!

Scripture Reading Hebrews 7:17-28 (Church Bible p1004)
Hebrews 10:11-18 (Church Bible p1006)

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 Preparing for Christmas series no. 2
“Jesus: the right man in our place”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions, next page

INTRODUCTION

I. THE NEED OF A PRIEST

- A. God’s holiness**
- B. Our unholiness**

II. WHAT GRACE PROVIDED

- A. Temple**
- B. Priests**
- C. Sacrifices**

III. THE IMPERFECTION OF THE OLD SYSTEM

- A. The priests died**
- B. They were sinners**
- C. An animal will not do**

- D. Endless repetition**
- E. It cannot change the heart**

IV. THE MANIFOLD PERFECTIONS OF PRIEST JESUS

Melchizedek

- A. He lives forever**
- B. He is not a sinner**
- C. He is human**
- D. He is a once for all sacrifice**
- E. He brings new life**

V. THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

- A. No condemnation**
- B. No other priest**
- C. We still offer sacrifices**
- D. Sanctified workers**
- E. Agents of reconciliation**

Closing Song *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Author: Anonymous

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and sorrows cease
Fill all the world with heaven's peace
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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 Hebrews 7:17-28; 10:11-18

1. Why do we need a priest?
2. What did God and His grace provide under the old covenant and what were its imperfections?
3. How do those imperfections serve to magnify and glorify the perfections that have come in Christ? What is it about the baby born in Bethlehem that enables him to fulfil all of these requirements?
4. Discuss together what the following implications of the Priesthood of Jesus, and the subsequent priesthood of all believers, mean for you:
 - a. No condemnation
 - b. No other priest
 - c. We still offer sacrifices
 - d. Sanctified workers
 - e. Agents of reconciliation

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
*Please note: this lunch has been brought forward this month to the 23rd.
If you can make it, please bring something a "little bit Christmassy!"*

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: 6th of January

Prayer Meeting

- When** 7:15, 12th of Dec (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), **this week**
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
Note: after this, the prayer meeting will be in recess until the 9th of January

Short-Term Mission Opportunity

Needed, people who can use a shovel, swing a hammer and lay concrete. We are planning a trip to Japan in April next year to help at the church that Sophia is going to be working at.
Interested? Please see Malcolm or email malcattasker@gmail.com.

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

Christmas Events

- ***The first annual “A Very Long Bay Christmas”***
Saturday, 15th 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, 23rd of December 10 am, *“There IS Light!”*
 - Christmas Morning, 9 am, *“The Gift that keeps on giving”*

New Year’s Eve BBQ

What The Grants are hosting another New Year’s Eve hangout for anyone in town who would like to come over for a BBQ and stay on until we call a taxi for you!

BYO Meat, drink and a salad/vegetable dish to share.
If you have a deck chair to spare, it might be handy if the weather obliges.

When Around 5pm, Monday 31 December.

Where Ian and Christine’s, 2/32 Sea Vista Ave, Beach Haven

Summer Program

Pastor Pete will be away for the Sundays of the 30th of December and the 6th of January

- **30th of December** Ian Grant preaching
- **6th of January** David Bruner preaching
Lord’s Supper but no fellowship lunch

Prayer FOCUS

We recognise the importance of prayer as a foundation for all we do in ministry. In it we depend upon God to work His will, by His power, for His glory through frail instruments. The elders have felt that there are times when we should target some need or ministry in the life of the Church for particular attention. We’ll put it in the Sunday notices and then send out a group email to the Church Family on Wednesday of the same week.

Please make - The first annual “A Very Long Bay Christmas” - as advertised above a part of your prayers.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 16th of December

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 Boyd	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Callum and Isaac	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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