



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2019

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 27:4-5<sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to enquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

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

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *The Lord is King*

Author: Josiah Conder

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,  
O earth, and all ye heav'ns, rejoice!  
From world to world the joy shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

*Sing His praise, sing His praise  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days  
Sing His praise, sing His praise  
All your days, all your days.*

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
Resist his will, distrust his care?  
Or murmur at his wise decrees,  
Or doubt his royal promises?

*Sing His praise, sing His praise  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days  
Sing His praise, sing His praise  
All your days, all your days.*

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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 Lord is King! Bow down we must,  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all His ways;  
Let ev'ry creature sing His praise.

*Sing His praise, sing His praise  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days  
Sing His praise, sing His praise  
All your days, all your days. (REPEAT)*

### ***Jesus What A Friend for Sinners***

Author: J. Wilbur Chapman

Jesus, what a friend for sinners  
Jesus, lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Saviour, makes me whole

*Hallelujah, what a Saviour!  
Hallelujah, what a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and often failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins.

*Hallelujah, what a Saviour!  
Hallelujah, what a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a help in sorrow  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

*Hallelujah, what a Saviour!  
Hallelujah, what a friend!*

*Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He has granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

*Hallelujah, what a Saviour!  
Hallelujah, what a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end. (REPEAT)*

### **Scripture Meditation**    2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

<sup>4:16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup> For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

## **Mission Spot** Sending Ian Grant to Myanmar

### **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** Psalm 73 (Church Bible p485)

### **Song of Assurance and Grace** *At the Fountain*

Authors: Pacific Crossroads Church

There is healing at the fountain  
Come and find it weary soul,  
There your sins will all be covered  
Jesus waits to make you whole  
*O the blessed healing fountain  
I'm so glad it's flowing free  
O the precious cleansing fountain  
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain  
Look to Jesus now and live  
At the cross lay all your burdens  
All your wanderings He'll forgive  
*O the blessed healing fountain  
I'm so glad it's flowing free  
O the precious cleansing fountain  
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain  
Precious fountain filled with blood,  
Come o come the Saviour calls you,  
Come and plunge beneath this flood.  
*O the blessed healing fountain*

*I'm so glad it's flowing free  
O the precious cleansing fountain  
Praise the Lord it washes over me! (REPEAT)*

## **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word** *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  
*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*  
*For I believe in the name of Jesus*

### **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 (p14) for further information about the offering.

**Message** *Psalm 73* “The pressure to give up”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

- a. **A spiritual truth, verse 1**
- b. **A crisis of faith, verses 2-3**
- c. **A gracious freedom to express doubt and struggle**

**1. PRESSURE No. 1 – The apparent ease of not following God, verses 4-12**

- a. A picture of ease, verses 4-9, 12
- b. Celebrities, verse 10
- c. It appears no one has to give an account, verse 11

**2. PRESSURE No. 2 – My life is rough! verses 13-14**

- a. What I knew seems back the front
- b. Temptation and the misinterpretation of pain

**3. THE SOLUTION BEGINS – The family of God, verses 15-16**

**4. THE SOLUTION FOUND – In the presence of God, verse 17**

**5. THE SOLUTION ITSELF, verses 18-28**

- a. The final tragic reversal, verses 18-20
- b. The abiding presence of God is what really matters, verses 21-26

**CONCLUSION: Passion versus Patience, verses 27,28**

## **Closing Song** *Amazing Grace*

Author: John Newton

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
T'was blind but now I see

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we've first begun.

## **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 73

1. What were the two particular pressures that challenged Asaph? Do you relate to his struggles? In what ways? What are the dangers of bitterness about our lot in life?
2. How is it encouraging to think that God gives us the freedom to bring our doubts, fears and struggles to Him?
3. How did Asaph find the solution? What was the solution? What are the implications for us?
4. How can we misinterpret struggle and pain in life?
5. What does it mean to “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7) in this context? How can we help each other to do that?
6. What do you find valuable about the great confession in verses 23-26?

## 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> of February

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month), ***this week***  
**Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Kid's Ministry

**Please note:** Sunday morning Kid's Ministry is currently in recess but is now calling for volunteers to serve the Lord, the families and the children. Carl Paddick is now the Kid's Ministry Co-ordinator and would be delighted if as many as possible could be available to serve. Please let him know.

***We would also like to thank Cathy Tasker for so graciously enabling this ministry for many years.***

### 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2019

***Please take a notice from the table in the doorway***

### Things needed for the camp:

- Gazebo x 2
- Person to be responsible for First Aid
- Baking for morning tea and supper
- Port-a-cot
- Table Tennis Bats/Balls
- Basket Ball
- Volley Ball

*Please see Cathy/Malcolm, or Steve for sports equipment, if you are able to help out in anyway.*

<b>Serving Roster for next Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of January</b>						
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	Leah and Christine	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Steve 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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