



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 17TH OF FEBRUARY 2019

Family Camp

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 40:1-5¹

- ¹ I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- ² He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.
- ⁴ Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
- ⁵ You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Indescribable*

Author: Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming,

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing God,
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.*

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.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom,

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing God,
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God, you are amazing God,*

*Indescribable uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing God,
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same
You are amazing God,
You are amazing God.*

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)

Author: Brian Doerksen

I lift my eyes up, to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven
Creator of the earth (**REPEAT**)

*Oh how I need you Lord
You're my only hope
You're my only prayer
So I will wait for you
To come and rescue me
To come and give me life! (**REPEAT ALL**)*

Corporate Prayer and Confession Psalm 19:1-4, 7-14

Leader The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

People Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Leader There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

People Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. ...

Leader The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

People the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Leader the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

People More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

All **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

**Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!**

**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,**

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen!

Song of Commitment and Praise *When I Survey*

Author: Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of Glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss,

And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Ministry Spot Some plans for Shore for 2019

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 85 (Church Bible p493)

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

There is a Fountain

Author: William Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

*Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.*

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

*Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.*

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

*And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.*

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

*Be saved, to sin no more,
Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.*

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.

Scripture Reading Genesis 35:1-15 (Church Bible p29)

Message Genesis 35:1-15 *“Finding Spiritual Renewal”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PERSONAL ROOTS OF RENEWAL

II. THE EXPERIENTIAL FRUIT OF RENEWAL

III. GETTING PLUGGED BACK IN TO THE ORIGINAL GOOD PURPOSE OF OUR CREATION

A. Jacob gets identified as one of God’s people, as God names him and claims him

B. He gets a taste of dwelling in God’s designated place

C. And he experiences the goodness of living under God’s blessing and rule

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *And Can It Be*

Author: Charles Wesley

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain,
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left his Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

*'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

*My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

BENEDICTION³

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Genesis 35:1-15

1. The sermon mentioned two roots of spiritual renewal, found in the first two verses of the passage. Can you recall these? How do they make a difference and what do they look like for us?
2. When the Bible speaks of idolatry, it does not firstly have in mind praying to a statue or trinket. It has in mind the disposition of our hearts loving anything else more than God himself. How might we identify and weed out potential idolatry in our lives? How will that impact spiritual renewal?
3. Jacob repents and obeys God. This yielded numerous blessings in his life. From verses 5-8 can you identify some of these blessings?
4. God's blessings often 'plugs us back in' or reconnects us to the original good for which we were created. Summarise the "original good" by completing the following and discuss what they mean for us:
 - i. God's _____
 - ii. In God's _____
 - iii. Enjoying God, living under his _____
_____ ⁴

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.

⁴ Answer: God's people, in God's place, enjoying God, living under his blessed rule

NOTICES

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 – 1st, 3rd (and 5th) of the month, 6:30 pm
Where Bruners' home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
Contact Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 27th of Feb (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 3rd of March

Youth Event

What *Grace Churches Water Fight*
When Friday 22nd of February, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where Covenant Presbyterian Church, 77 Rogers Road, Manurewa
Please take a flyer from the table by the front door

Youth Camp 2019

What *"Do you want to know more about God's great plan for you and the world?"*
Then come to Grace Presbyterian Youth Camp 2019
When 8-10 March
Where CYC Ngaruawahia Hamilton
Please take a flyer from the table by the front door

Installation Service for David Bruner as Pastor of City Pres

- What** This is a Combined Presbytery Service of the Northern Presbytery of GPCNZ. It will be a blessing to install David to the permanent role of Pastor at City Pres and to give thanks and praise together for God’s provision.
We are excited to have Rev. Logan Hagoort preaching and Rev. Steve Panapa giving the charge to the minister.
- When** 24th of February at 4:00 p.m.
- Where** “The Workshop”, 37D Crummer Road, Grey Lynn Auckland
There is typically abundant street parking in the surrounding neighbourhood on Sundays.

We will have a shared meal after the service.

However, could we please not bring something requiring refrigeration or heating during or after the service?

City Pres apologises, but they don't have the kitchen capacity for this.

Looking forward to worshipping with you all.

City Pres will be honoured to have you with us for this occasion.

Please Note: there will be no Sunday night Encouragement Group that evening.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 24th of February

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	Callum Boyd	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Chris B. & Steve B.	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).

Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest (more available on the website: 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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