



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 24TH OF MARCH 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 Habakkuk 34:1-8¹

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law is paralysed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted. ...

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

Prayer of adoration and approach

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

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*

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

*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)*

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 Profession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism 1

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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 John 11:1-27 (Church Bible p897)

Song of Assurance *Oh the Mercy of God*

Author: Geoff Bullock

Oh the mercy of God, The glory of grace
That You choose to redeem us, To forgive and restore
And You call us Your children, chosen in Him
To be holy and blameless, to the glory of God
*To the praise of His glorious grace
To the praise of His glory and power
To Him be all glory honour and praise
For ever and ever and ever amen*

Oh the richness of grace, the depths of His love
In Him is redemption, the forgiveness of sin
You called us as righteous, predestined in Him
For the praise of His glory, included in Christ.

*To the praise of His glorious grace
To the praise of His glory and power
To Him be all glory honour and praise
For ever and ever and ever amen*

Oh the glory of God expressed in His Son
His image and likeness revealed to us all
The plan of the ages completed in Christ
That we be presented perfected in Him

*To the praise of His glorious grace
To the praise of His glory and power
To Him be all glory honour and praise
For ever and ever and ever amen*

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *I Surrender All*

Author: Judson W. Van de Venter

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
In his presence daily live.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know Thy pow'r divine.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.*

Scripture Reading John 11:28-44 (Church Bible p897)

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 John 11:1-44 *“The Saviour’s Tears”*

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. WHEN GOD SEEMS ABSENT

II. JESUS GRIEVES

a. His tears are HUMAN

b. His tears are DIVINE

III. THE GREATEST ANSWER

IV. IMPLICATIONS

a. We must love our neighbour

b. Neighbour love is Gospel love

c. How long O Lord?

Closing Song *When Peace Like a River*

Authors: Horatio G. Spafford, Philip P. Bliss

When peace like a river flows all through my life

When sorrows like sea-billows roll

Whatever my lot You have taught me to say:

It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come

Let this blest assurance control:

That Christ has regarded my helplessness estate

And has shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),

It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! -

My sin, not in part, but the whole

Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),

It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll

The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend

Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),

It is well, it is well with my soul.

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 John 11

1. Share your thoughts about the tragedy that took place in Christchurch recently. How would you answer the concern that God seems absent in such evil and pain? How does the story of Jesus' delay over returning to help the dying Lazarus help our understanding?
2. What does the weeping of Jesus say to us? How are they both human and divine tears?
3. What is the greater glory that this passage points us to? How does the raising of Lazarus give us hope and assurance in the midst of the brokenness and pain?
4. What does neighbour love look like in the light of this story and the tragedy in Christchurch?
5. Think about the return of the Lord and how much we long for it.

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, *next week*

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 Mar (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), **this week**
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Men's ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
Looking at the issues and challenges facing men today in light of the Gospel of Christ.

When Thursday. 11th of April, 7:00 pm, (monthly 2nd Thursday)

Where TBA

Contact Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Women's Ministry

What ***Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship – all ages***
Looking together at **chapter 12** of Paul Tripp's book "*Whiter than Snow*" on Psalm 51.

Please come, even if you don't have a copy of Tripp's book.

When Thursday 28th of March, 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 start, to finish by 8:30 p.m.

This study will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Where Janet Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Financial Gifts on behalf of the congregation

At the Elders Meeting (Session) on Wednesday evening we agreed to distribute the following donations according to the Church Budget:

- \$500 was donated (from the Church Planting fund) to the Gisborne Church towards the cost of sound system equipment.
- \$250 per family was donated as a support/love gift (from the Mission fund) to be taken personally by Malcolm and Cathy Tasker when they visit Japan this year, to:
 - Martin and Sam Seccombe,
 - Martin and Ruth Ghent
 - Tadimitsu and Esther Nishimura

We praise God for the generosity of His people that enables us as a Church to be involved in wider Kingdom work

Particular Prayer

At the Camp weekend we announced that shortly we will do a series of studies in the Encouragement Groups called **"Six Steps to Talking about Jesus"**. We all know we are meant to be witnesses for Him, and the world needs us to do that but there are things that hold us back. This helpful material covers:

- i. the core motivation for reaching out to others;
- ii. how to depend on God in prayer;
- iii. how to invite people to read a book or come to an event;
- iv. how to tell your own story of what God has done for you in Christ;
- v. how to explain the gospel of Jesus in a simple way.

We would ask that everyone be in prayer about this, that it would enable us to share Christ with our friends, neighbours and colleagues; all those people that God has placed in our lives for a purpose.

Pray too about your own involvement. If there are ways that we can make it possible for you be part of an Encouragement Group for this material, please let us know.

Shore Pres Phone and Contact List

If you would like your contact details e.g. home phone, mobile, email and address included or updated in our Contact List please fill in your details on the sheet provided on the back table or speak to Cathy.

The email list is particularly helpful for sending out important notices mid-week.

These details are not to be used or published in anyway outside of our Shore Church family.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 31 st of March						
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	Margaret Jones	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Chris Burton and Steve	Volunteers	Volunteers

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 7th of April

Some plans for Shore Pres for 2019

1. Encouragement Groups to do a study called "Six Steps to Talking about Jesus" to encourage and equip us for relational evangelism representing the message of salvation in all the contexts the Lord places us. Please see more information under Particular Prayer. Dates to follow.
2. Have Deacons and Women Helpers to the Deacons in place this year.
3. Continue the Prayer Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of the month. This is the foundational ministry of the Church.
4. Continue the growth and development of the Men's Ministry on the 2nd Thursday of each month under David's leadership. These meetings will look at various issues and challenges facing men today in light of the Gospel of Christ. Someone will present briefly on a topic and then move to discussion as a group. Hopefully this content and format will lend itself well to inviting and involving non-Christian friends along who might be keen to learn and discuss, as well as offering believers a chance to grapple with tricky questions together.
5. See the development of Sunday morning Kid's Ministry under Carl Paddick's leadership, enabling visiting families to find a place for their children and to fulfil our promises to nurture the children in Christ.
6. Commence an early Saturday morning Equipping Class, with Pastor Pete, for young adults, starting with a study of the Westminster Confession of Faith to become familiar with the basic Reformed Theology of the Church.

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).

7. Women's Ministry to develop this year under the leadership of the Session appointed Women's Committee: Janet Boyd (Convenor), Cathy Tasker and Christine Grant. Will include:
 - i. Ladies Study on evening of 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month so as not to clash with Thursday night Encouragement Group.
 - ii. A number of social events to embrace all the women of the Church and to be an opportunity to welcome non-Christian friends. These would include: Women's Breakfast/Fellowship Meetings, having Guest Speakers to speak to issues like depression/anxiety etc, Christmas Event
8. Youth ministry to develop under Dave's leadership including: Lord willing, training up Youth Ministry leadership to carry on the Youth Ministry into the future.
9. Promote the reading of good Christian material through developing a sharing and lending library.
10. For Sunday morning preaching:
 - i. A series on Jonah
 - ii. Then a longer series seeking to provide an overview of the whole Bible showing God's redemptive plan with a brief primer on the place of each book in the canon.
11. Ian Grant's GTC Biblical Theology class to be held on the North Shore is a key opportunity in the life of the Church to be taught and equipped in understanding and glorying in God's redemptive plan revealed through all of Scripture
12. Prepare to host a Brazilian ministry family with a view to them church planting in New Zealand. The family would spend a year or two in the life of our Church learning English and becoming familiar with the New Zealand context. At this stage we are expecting Marcos Santos and his family to arrive in December 2019 or January 2020 with a view, ultimately, to church planting in North West Auckland. More info to come.





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