



## **Welcome to Worship**

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL 2019

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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 67<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine on us—  
<sup>2</sup> so that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup> May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations of the earth.  
<sup>5</sup> May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup> The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God, blesses us.  
<sup>7</sup> May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise  
Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
In my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

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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.

*Arise, arise, arise,  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise, arise, arise,  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

*Arise, arise, arise,  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise, arise, arise,  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

### ***See What A Morning***

Authors: Kieth & Kristin Getty

See, what a morning, gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen"

*See God's salvation plan  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ, the man  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again

*The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

One with the Father, Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority  
*And we are raised with Him*  
*Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered*  
*And we shall reign with Him*  
*For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead*

### **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** Jonah 4:1-11 (Church Bible p775)

### **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 (p17) for further information about the offering.

### **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word** *Speak O Lord*

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

### **Message** Jonah 4:1-11 *“Re-learning Grace”*

*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 GRACELESSNESS OF JONAH – Jonah's blinding idols**

#### **A. Nationalism**

#### **B. Self-righteousness**

#### **C. Anger**

### **II. THE GRACIOUSNESS OF GOD – big lessons in little things**

**A. Patient re-shaping**

**B. The little gift of grace**

**C. The huge heart of God**

### **III. GRACE SHINES IN JESUS**

**A. Jonah and Jesus**

**B. While we were yet sinners**

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

**A. Compassion – like Jesus**

**B. Commitment – like Jesus**

**C. Confidence - like Jonah**

**The Lord's Supper** *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 12. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.



## **Prayer with Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance**

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have not done those things  
which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.

But You, O Lord are merciful.

Forgive us, O Lord, as we confess our faults.

Restore us as we repent,  
according to Your promises  
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;  
that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,  
To the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**<sup>3</sup>

## **Assurance of Grace** *Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 60*

**Question.** *How are you righteous before God?*

**Answer.** Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

## **Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper** *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)*

**Prayer** *David Bruner*

## **Closing Song** *Before The Throne Of God Above*

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,  
My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me.  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

## **BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>4</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.

## **Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper**

**Prayer of uncertainty** *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

**Prayer for those searching for truth** *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

**Prayer of belief** *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

**Prayer of commitment** *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

**Prayer for those struggling with sin** *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

**Prayer for the believer** *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

**Scripture Reading** Jonah 4:1-11

1. Why was Jonah so angry? How does this expose his idols and what are they? How does God expose our idols and what are they?
2. How is self-righteousness an idol and how does it impact our own hearts and lives as well as our view of others?
3. How does this encounter with God show that Jonah has experienced grace yet not understood grace? In what ways can we be just like Jonah?
4. How does God display His grace to Jonah and call him out to have the same grace for Nineveh? How does this speak to our hearts?
5. How is Jesus literally “one greater than Jonah”?
6. How are we called to live out His grace in the world? Thinking about Jesus’ call to bring the message of salvation to the lost all around us – how do we need Compassion, Commitment and Confidence?

## NOTICES

### Encouragement Groups

#### Torbay

- When** Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm (***Please note: from the 5<sup>th</sup> of May this group will be meeting at 7:30 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, 7:00 pm
- Where** Bruners' home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
- Contact** Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

### Prayer Meeting

- When** 7:15, 10<sup>th</sup> of Apr (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month), ***this week***
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

- When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 5<sup>th</sup> of May

### 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. 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 7:30 pm, (monthly 2nd Thursday)
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay. We'll begin the talk/discussion time at 7:30, but feel free to come around 7:00 and there will be sausages, salad and beverages to enjoy.
- Contact** Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

## Women's Ministry

- What** *Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship – all ages*  
Looking together at Paul Tripp's book "Whiter than Snow" on Psalm 51. This week, Chapter 27 'Sin is a Relationship'.  
**Please come, even if you don't have a copy of Tripp's book.**
- When** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 start, to finish by 8:30 p.m., **this week.**  
This study will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.
- Where** Kerin Clement's home, 2 Hiwihau Place, Glenfield
- Please note** We are planning shortly to do a series of 10 studies from the book, "The Coming King: Study of Mark's Gospel, chapters 1-8" by Tim Chester.

*A brief synopsis: "Jesus has always been endlessly fascinating to people, yet few know accurately the eye-witness record of Jesus found in the Gospels. These ten Bible studies in Mark's Gospel provide a great opportunity to find out the truth about Jesus, taking you on a journey of discovery through the first eight chapters as the disciples learn who Jesus really is.*

*You'll learn that Jesus is King, but also find answers to many questions. Why does this promised King come in such a way? Why is He powerful, yet opposed? Why does He stop people talking about Him? Why do some recognise Him, but not others?*

*This study aims to help each of us live with Jesus as our King."*

If you would like to participate, or even to just follow along with us if you can't get to the Study nights, please let Christine or Cathy know **as soon as possible** so we can order your copy. The book costs about \$8.50.

***Also please remember to fill in the Survey which has been available for the past month or so, and to hand it back to Cathy, thank you.***

## Ladies Brunch

- What** A ladies brunch planned to spend time together celebrating "Motherhood" - (both spiritual and physical). Make a plan now before the Lord to invite friends along. Any queries please see Janet, Christine or Cathy.
- When** Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May
- Where** TBA

## Six Steps to Talking About Jesus

**What** We plan to 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.

**When** We plan to start this course after Easter and school break.

- The first evening for the ***Pinehill Encouragement Group*** will be Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May at 7:00 pm.
- The first evening for the ***Torbay Encouragement Group*** will be Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May at 7:30 pm (Please note new time for this group).

***Please pray about your involvement.*** Even if you don't currently attend an Encouragement Group it would be well worthwhile to set aside time for this course.

***Please see Pastor Pete if you have any questions.***

## Young Adults Equipping Class

**What** 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. This will be a teaching/question/discussion time over about an hour and a half.

***Please let Pastor Pete know if you are interested in being part of this study so we can plan the best time for it.***



Serving Roster for next Sunday the 14 <sup>th</sup> of April						
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	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Song family & Callum	Volunteers	Volunteers

### ADVANCE EASTER NOTICES

#### Good Friday Worship Service

- What** Opportunity again this year to join with other Churches in the Northern Bays to give thanks for what Jesus did on the cross. A great opportunity to invite non-christian friends.
- Where** East Coast Bays Leisure Centre, 12 Bute Road, Browns Bay
- When** 10 am, Good Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of April

***Please note: we will need two volunteers to help set up the hall at 8 am, plus take down afterwards, please let Pastor Pete know if you can help***

#### Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

- What** Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at a simple sunrise service with Browns Bay Presbyterian, including the Lord's Supper.
- Where** Browns Bay Beach, the southern end
- When** 6:00 am (arrive), 6:15 am (start),  
Easter Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of April  
BYO camp chairs, coffee and hot cross buns

#### ***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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