



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 14th OF APRIL 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 22:27-31¹

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to
a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Songs of Adoration² & Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Authors: John Newton, Chris Tomlin

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

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Saviour has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace.*

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.

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 first begun.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Saviour has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace.*

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*

Time of confession and repentance *Isaiah 53:1-6*

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Corporate assurance of grace *Professing together*

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ... ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:1,8*

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. *Galatians 2:20*

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*³

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic⁴ church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Song of Assurance *Man of Sorrows*

Authors: Brooke Ligertwood, Matt Crocker

Man of sorrows Lamb of God

By His own betrayed

The sin of man and wrath of God

Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused

Beaten mocked and scorned

Bowing to the Father's will

He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation

Where your love poured out over me

Now my soul cries out hallelujah

Praise and honour unto Thee.

Sent of heaven God's own Son

To purchase and redeem

³ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

⁴ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree
*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee.*

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed (**REPEAT**)

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave
*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee.*

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.

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 (p16) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Near the Cross*

Author: Fannie Crosby

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Shed his beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Scripture Reading *Mark 14:32-42* (Church Bible p851)

Message *Mark 14:32-42 "Victory in the Garden"*

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

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

INTRODUCTION

“The story is not primarily about _____ and _____
but about _____.”

- I. WHAT IS “THIS CUP”?
- II. TWO IMPLICATIONS OF HIS CUP
 - a. Identification
 - b. Responsibility
- III. THE MEANING OF HELL

“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (Mark 15:34)
- IV. THE MOMENTOUS DECISION
- V. FROM THE GARDEN TO GLORY
 - a. He is our full Atonement
 - b. He is our Righteousness
- VI. CONCLUSION – OUR RESPONSE: HUMILITY
 - a. A humility that recognizes our sinfulness
 - b. A humility that repents and trusts
 - c. A humility that lives a life of gratitude

Closing Song *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.

BENEDICTION⁵

⁵ 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 Mark 14:32-42

1. Discuss what it meant for Jesus to drink “the cup”. Think what it meant for Him to be **identified** with our sin. Think what it meant for Him to take **responsibility** for our sin. What does it then mean for us?
2. Think about how hell is understood here, that is, as separation from God. How does that fit with common perceptions of hell? Again, what did this mean for Jesus and what does it mean for us?
3. Compare Adam’s disobedience with Jesus’ obedience. Think about context and cost. What does this mean for us and for creation as a whole?
4. How does the obedience of Jesus here assure us of full atonement **and** of our righteous standing before God?
5. Discuss humility as a response. Think about how we excuse our sin, yet how is it viewed here. Think about trusting in Jesus as humility; why is that so? What does it mean that obedience is gratitude?

“We are more sinful than we ever imagined and more loved than we ever dared hope.”

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

- When** Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm (***Please note: from the 5th 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 – 1st, 3rd (and 5th) of the month, 7:00 pm
- Where** Bruners' home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
- Contact** Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Prayer Meeting

- When** 7:15, 24th of Apr (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: 5th of May
- Note** We will also celebrate the Lord' Supper Easter Sunday, ***next week***

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. 9th of May, 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.

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

When Thursday 25th of April, 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 TBA

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 11th 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 2nd of May at 7:00 pm.
- The first evening for the ***Torbay Encouragement Group*** will be Sunday the 5th 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 21st of April – Easter Sunday						
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	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Carl & Ian	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).

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 19th 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 21st of April
BYO camp chairs, coffee and hot cross buns

Easter Sunday Worship Service

- What** Just a reminder, that on this most special day of our Christian lives as we celebrate and give thanks for the glorious victory and guarantee of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the dead, we will remember Him by also celebrating the **Lord's Supper** together.
- When** Sunday morning, 10 a.m., 21st of April

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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