



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 5th OF MAY 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 36:5-9¹

⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgements are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

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.**²

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

² Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

Assurance of Grace *Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 60. *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.

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Author: Edward Parronet

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Better Is One Day

Author: Matt Redman

How lovely is your dwelling place
Oh, Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied

³Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere (REPEAT)
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere (REPEAT)
Than thousands elsewhere

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You
Better is one day,
Better is one day,
Better is one day,
Than thousands elsewhere (WOMEN REPEAT)

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere (MEN REPEAT)

ALL: *Than thousands elsewhere*

Ministry Moment Steve Bilton and L'Abri England

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 Acts 16:6-40 (Church Bible p925)

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

The Lord's My Shepherd

Author: Francis Rous

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Message Acts 16:6-40 *“Gospel Resilience”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. GETTING TO PHILLIPI, Acts 16:6-15

A. “Forbidden by the Holy Spirit”

B. Just do something: an open door

II. PERIL, DELIVERANCE, AND A CHURCH IS BORN, Acts 16:16-40

A. A slave set free

B. Just do something: songs at midnight

C. A jailer unchained

CONCLUSION

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.

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper *Jesus I Come*

Author: William Sleeper

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Prayer Malcolm Tasker

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

BENEDICTION⁴

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Acts 16:6-40

1. Can you think of a time in your life when you were discouraged because of many closed doors and disappointments? What do you think it means that Paul Silas and Timothy were “forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia” (modern day Turkey) in verse 6?
2. How does the Gospel encourage us to respond to closed doors and disappointments? Why do you think God leads Paul & company through such hardship, and leads us through so many disappointments?
3. What is profound about the answer to the Philippian jailer’s question in verses 30-31? What does this indicate about how we may develop greater Gospel resilience? How is this reflected in the church?

⁴ 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.*

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

- When** Sunday evenings, 7:30 pm (*Please note: from today, this group will be meeting at the new time of 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, 8th of May (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), *this week*
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

- When** 1st Sunday of the month, next: 2nd of June

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 the 9th of May, 7:30 pm, (monthly 2nd Thursday)
- Where** Bruner's home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
- Contact** Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Women's Ministry

- What** *Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship – all ages*
Looking together at "The Coming King: Study of Mark's Gospel, chapters 1-8" by Tim Chester. Copies available now.

When Next study on Thursday 9th of May, 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 start, to finish by 8:30 p.m. (2nd and 4th Thursday of each month).
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Ladies Brunch

What A ladies brunch planned to spend time together celebrating
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, 9:30 am

Where Lydia's home, 28 Huntington Park Drive, Greenhithe

Confident Christianity Course

What THINKING MATTERS ministries. Defending the Faith in modern times and equipping Christians to represent Christ's message in a changing world.

When 7th to 8th June, Friday night and all day Saturday

Where Northcross Community Church, 826a East Coast Rd, Browns Bay

REGISTER BEFORE 10TH MAY FOR JUST \$79 PER ADULT & YOUTH \$59

Full brochure available on table back of the church.

Six Steps to Talking About Jesus

What We are doing 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 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).

Please pray about your involvement. Even if you don't currently attend an Encouragement Group it is important 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 12th of May

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	Christine Grant	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Ian & Callum	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).



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