



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 19th OF MAY 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 89:5-8¹

⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
⁷ a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?
⁸ O Lord God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,
with your faithfulness all round you?

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Indescribable*

Author: Chris Tomlin

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

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

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

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name,*

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.

*You are amazing God.
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God, you are amazing God.*

*Indescribable uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name,
You are amazing God.*

*Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same
You are amazing God,
You are amazing God.*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Authors: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Saviour's name
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have brought us near to God.*

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You present us whole to God.*

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown

*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You will bring us home to God.*

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more

*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You secured our way to God.*

Time of Confession and Repentance Psalm 32:1-7

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- ² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up[b] as by the heat of summer. Selah
- ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord",
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah
- ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
- ⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Assurance of Grace Colossians 2:13-15

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Profession of Faith *Heidelberg Catechism*³

Question 56. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

Answer. I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Song of Assurance *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Author: Horatius Bonar

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

³ The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th Century document used primarily in Reformed churches for instruction in the Christian faith.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done.

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 Ephesians 1:3-14 (Church Bible p976) *Seth*

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Abide With Me*

Author: Henry F. Lyte

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see,
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heavn's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Message *Ephesians 1:3-14 "Union with Christ"*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DOCTRINE OF UNION WITH CHRIST

II. ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE BIBLE

III. THE ROOTS OF UNION WITH CHRIST

IV. THE BASIS OF OUR UNION WITH CHRIST

V. WHAT UNION MEANS FOR US

A. In Christ our redemption is secured

B. In Christ we are born again

C. In Christ we are declared righteous in God's sight

D. In Christ we are sanctified

E. In Christ we are assured of resurrection and glory

VI. IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

A. It gives meaning to life and history

B. It brings responsibilities

C. Christ Himself is the greatest blessing

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *In Christ Alone*

Authors: Keith & Kristin Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

BENEDICTION⁴

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

When Sunday evenings, 7:30 pm (***Please note: this group now 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, ***next Sunday***

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

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.

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.

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 22nd 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 13th of June, 7:30 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 “The Coming King: Study of Mark’s Gospel, chapters 1-8” by Tim Chester.
This week: Chapter 2
When Next study on Thursday 23rd 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 Kerin Clement’s home, 2 Hiwihau Place, Glenfield

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
Full brochure available on table back of the church.

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 26th 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	Lydia	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Song family & Jesse Son	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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