



## **Welcome to Worship**

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OF JULY 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 136:1-6<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

<sup>4</sup> to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

<sup>5</sup> to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

<sup>6</sup> to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

## **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>2</sup>

## **Prayer of Approach and Assurance**

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

## **Songs of Adoration<sup>3</sup> & 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.

### ***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  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has brought us nigh 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  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He presents us whole to God.*

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

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

*He has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood  
He 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.*

**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** Genesis 3 (Church Bible p2)

### **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**

### *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Author: Matt Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery

In the dawning of the King

He the theme of heaven's praises

Robed in frail humanity

*In our longing, in our darkness*

*Now the light of life has come*

*Look to Christ, who condescended*

*Took on flesh to ransom us*

Come behold the wondrous mystery

He the perfect Son of Man

In His living, in His suffering

Never trace nor stain of sin

*See the true and better Adam*

*Come to save the hell-bound man*

*Christ the great and sure fulfillment*

*Of the law; in Him we stand*

Come behold the wondrous mystery

Christ the Lord upon the tree

In the stead of ruined sinners

Hangs the Lamb in victory

*See the price of our redemption*

*See the Father's plan unfold*

*Bringing many sons to glory*

*Grace unmeasured, love untold*

Come behold the wondrous mystery

Slain by death the God of life

But no grave could e'er restrain Him

Praise the Lord; He is alive!

*What a foretaste of deliverance*

*How unwavering our hope*

*Christ in power resurrected*

*As we will be when he comes*

## **Message** Genesis 3 Overview of the Bible 6

### *“Cosmic Rebellion and Steadfast Love”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. TEMPTATION TO SIN**

#### **A. Questioning the Goodness of God**

#### **B. Challenging the Truth of God**

### **II. SIN: ABNORMAL AND AWFUL**

#### **A. The effects of sin**

#### **B. The nature of sin**

##### **i. Blasphemy**

##### **ii. Treason**



**iii. Idolatry**

**iv. Autonomy**

**III. COVENANT CURSE OF DEATH**

**A. Pain for Eve**

**B. Pain for Adam**

**C. Pain for Creation**

**D. Death as broken relationships**

**IV. COVENANT FAITHFULNESS OF GOD – GLIMPSES OF GRACE**

**A. The Hound of Heaven**

**B. Multiply and eat**

**C. Shut out from the Garden**

**D. Clothed by God**

**E. The 'seed' of the woman**

**CONCLUSION – At the table**

**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 13. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

**Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper** *There Is A Fountain*

Author: William Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

*Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.*

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.

*Wash all my sins away,  
Wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.*

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

*And shall be till I die,  
And shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.*

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more.

*Be saved, to sin no more,  
Be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more.*

### **Profession of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed*<sup>4</sup>**

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 catholic<sup>5</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

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<sup>4</sup> The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

<sup>5</sup> The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

## Prayer Malcolm Tasker

### Closing Song *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

*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)*

## BENEDICTION<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</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 Genesis 3

1. In our studies on the first three chapters of Genesis what have been your “Aha!” moments? What have you learned or, been significantly reminded of, concerning God or humanity or creation?
2. Discuss Satan’s strategy to tempt Eve. How does temptation still function like this and what are its consequences?
3. Why does God bring curse and what are the ways that has impacted humanity and creation? What does death mean here?
4. Describe what sin is in this passage. What are the concrete ways that sin has marred our relationship with God, with each other and with the non-human creation?
5. Discuss ways in which God’s good gifts (e.g., food, drink, sexuality, family, work, leisure) have been distorted by sin.
6. What are the ways humanity has tried to fix the problem? How does God show His covenant faithfulness in Genesis 3 and how does that encourage you?

## NOTICES

### Encouragement Groups

#### Torbay

**When** Sunday evenings, 7:30 pm  
**Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive Torbay  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 473 9390 or 021 0367 957  
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

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 7<sup>th</sup> of July, **today**

### Prayer Meeting

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

### Wedding Invitation – woohoo!

**What** Emilia Burton and Samuel Edwards, together with our parents, invite all our Shore Pres family to share in our happiness as we exchange marriage vows.

**When** 2:00 pm Saturday 27 July

**Where** Totara Springs Christian Camp, 288c Taihoa North Road, Matamata with afternoon tea to follow.

**Note** To assist with afternoon tea preparation, an indication of likely attendance would be much appreciated -

**Contact** samuelemilia2019@gmail.com or 027 348 3666

## Grace Theological College

### *Equip yourself for service*

Please note the Course Offerings for the second Semester are now available. Check the back table for information and take the opportunity to deepen your faith and strengthen your gifts in His service.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> of July, 7:30 pm, (monthly 2nd Thursday), ***this week***
- 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.
- When** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of July, 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 start, to finish by 8:30 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month), ***this week***
- Where** TBA

## Mission to Fiji

- What** A great opportunity to join the third GPCNZ Youth/Young Adults mission trip to Fiji
- When** December 2019, dates to be confirmed  
***More details in the Flyer on the back table***



## Fearless Faith Conference

**What** Fearless Faith Conference with *Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell*,

**When** 6:30 pm, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of July to 4:30 pm, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of July

**Where** Harbourside Church, 48 Esmonde Road, Takapuna ( More details here: <https://fearlessfaith.thinkingmatters.org.nz/>)

**Thinking Matters** is a ministry encouraging New Zealand Christians to explore WHAT they believe, and WHY they believe it, so they can engage the world around them and present the Christian faith gracefully and persuasively. Learn more at [www.ThinkingMatters.org.nz](http://www.ThinkingMatters.org.nz)

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July

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	Callum	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Songs and Tom.	Volunteers	Volunteers

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#### ***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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