



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 21st OF JULY 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 105:1-9¹

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he uttered,

⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

⁷ He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.

⁸ He remembers his covenant for ever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham ...

Prayer of Adoration and Approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *My Hope Is Built*

Author: Edward Mote

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

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.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand. (REPEAT)*

All Must Be Well

Authors: Mary Bowly Peters, Matthew Smith

Through the love of God our Saviour, all will be well
Free and changeless is His favour, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well

On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-16 (Church Bible p1008)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Scripture Meditation

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Corporate Profession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism 1

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Song of Praise and Consecration *Lead Me To The Cross*

Authors: Hillsong United

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees*

*Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The Word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss
*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

To your heart
To your heart
Lead me to your heart
Lead me to your heart
*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *I Heard The Voice*

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.

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.

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-8 (Church Bible p8)

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.

Message Genesis 12-25 Overview of the Bible 8

“Abraham: “Blessed in Order to Bless”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PROMISES OF GOD

A. The Commitment to Restoration

B. The Nature of the Promises

i. Seed

ii. Land

iii. Blessing

C. The Purpose of the Promises

II. THE GOD OF THE PROMISES

A. Sovereign Grace

B. Jehovah Jireh – Provider of what He promises

i. Children to the Childless

ii. Self-Maledictory Oath

iii. Substitute Sacrifice

C. The Promises are Yes and Amen in Christ

III. RESPONDING TO PROMISE

A. Faith

B. Righteousness

CONCLUSION Our Faith

Closing Song *How Great Is Our God*

Author: Chris Tomlin

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.*

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.*

BENEDICTION³

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-8

1. How do the promises to Abraham form a contrast to what happened at Babel in chapter 11?
2. What are the promises and what is their purpose? Is God narrowing His focus here?
 - a. If so, for what reason?
 - b. How do the promises relate to the Promise of Genesis 3:15?
3. What does God's commitment to Abraham tell us about the nature and character of God?
 - a. How does it establish His sovereignty and what does that mean for all of life?
 - b. Think about the ways God shows Himself as the provider of what He promises.
 - c. How is that fulfilled in Christ? And how does that encourage you personally?
4. What do we learn from Abraham about the meaning of faith? Faith is not about the strength of our own trust but about the strength of the One in Whom we trust. How does this encourage you personally in your doubts and fears? How has God proven Himself to us again and again?
5. Read Hebrews 11:8-19. Faith is an active response to God that shows itself in an obedient life. How do we see that through Abraham's life and what does it teach us about our own pilgrimage?

³ 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.

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, *next week*

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

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 4th of August

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 24th of July (2nd and 4th 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 8th of August, 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.
- When** Thursday 25th of July, 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 start, to finish by 8:30 p.m. (2nd and 4th 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

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 28th 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	Cathy and Ruth	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Malcolm and Cameron	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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