



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST 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 100:1-5<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## **Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Approach**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)*

Author: Brian Doerksen

I lift my eyes up, to the mountains

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from you, Maker of heaven

Creator of the earth (**REPEAT**)

*Oh how I need you Lord*

*You're my only hope*

*You're my only prayer*

*So I will wait for you*

*To come and rescue me*

*To come and give me life! (**REPEAT ALL**)*

### **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

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

<sup>2</sup> Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

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 (*Repeat: On our Father's...*)

### **Special Prayer Regarding Proposed Abortion Legislation**

*Psalm 139:13-15; 2 Kings 21:4-6*

*Visit: [www.LoveThemBoth.nz](http://www.LoveThemBoth.nz)*

### **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.

### **Son of Assurance** *The Love Of Christ Is Rich And Free*

Authors: William Gadsby, Sandra McCracken

The love of Christ is rich and free;  
Fixed on His own eternally;  
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;  
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be  
Their everlasting Surety;  
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,  
And love maintains it to the end.

Love cannot from its post withdraw;  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,  
Can turn the Surety's heart away;  
He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;  
And love will bring them safe to God;  
Love calls them all from death to life;  
And love will finish all their strife.

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;  
In endless bliss, His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love  
Which never could from them remove.

Love cannot from its post withdraw;  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,  
Can turn the Surety's heart away;  
He'll love His own to endless day.

## **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word**

### *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Authors: German Jesuits in the 17th Century

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forever more be Thine.

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 25:19-34 (Church Bible p19)  
Genesis 50:15-21 (Church Bible p44)

### **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 25-50 Bible Overview 9

*“The Patriarchs: “Grace Overcomes”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. GOD’S COVENANT PROMISES RE-AFFIRMED**

#### **A. Isaac**

#### **B. Jacob**

**II. GOD OVERCOMES IN SURPRISING AND SOVEREIGN WAYS**

**A. Sovereign choice**

**B. Barrenness**

**C. Famine**

**D. Hostility**

**III. GRACE OVERCOMES DESPITE SIN AND FOOLISHNESS**

**A. Rape and violence**

**IV. GRACE GROWS DESPITE SIN AND FOOLISHNESS**

**A. Jacob grows**

**V. GOD'S GRACE INTENDS GOOD**

**A. Joseph**

**B. Jesus**



## VI. CONCLUSION – NOR SHOULD WE GIVE UP

A. Through sin and foolishness

B. Don't sell your heritage

C. Press on

### **Closing Song** *Thy Mercy My God*

Author: John Stocker

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through thy free goodness my spirits revived  
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel it's own hardness depart  
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercy, thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.  
(REPEAT last 2 lines)

### **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</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.

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 25-50. Read Genesis 25:19-34; 50:15-21

1. Who are the Patriarchs and how is God fulfilling His covenant promises to Abraham through them? What is the character of the patriarchs and who is the hero of the whole story?
2. What are some of the obstacles that God overcomes to progress the covenant promises? What does this tell you about God?
3. What are ways we see sin and foolishness here, both within and without God's covenant people? How might it impact the progress of God's promises and how, again, do we see God dealing with this and what else do we learn about God?
4. How do we see God growing people through obstacles, sin and foolishness – do you have a favourite story or character - and how does that encourage you personally?
5. Think about the whole Joseph narrative. What are the key themes in this story? And how ultimately does it point to God's grace overcoming everything? And how does that ultimately point us to the great redemption in Christ? See also Genesis 50:20 and Acts 2:23.
6. How does this section encourage you when you think of your own sin and foolishness? How does it encourage you to press on and not give up? See also Hebrews 12:12-17 and 11:13-16.

# 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: 4<sup>th</sup> of September

## Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 14<sup>th</sup> of August (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month), **this week**  
**Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

## Preaching Programme

Just wanted to publish a heads-up of the Ministry of the Word on Sunday mornings over the next couple of months.

<b>4<sup>th</sup> of August</b>	Chris Burton	<i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> of August</b>	Peter Boyd	<i>Bible overview 9</i>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> of August</b>	Peter Boyd	<i>Bible overview 10</i>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> of August</b>	Peter Boyd	<i>Baptism and Church Membership</i>

**NB:** During September Pastor Pete & Janet are on annual leave visiting Europe and the UK and catching up with their daughter who lives in London. Thanks to Ian Grant and David Bruner who will cover preaching.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> of Sep</b>	Ian Grant	<i>James 4:11-5:6</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> of Sep</b>	Ian Grant	<i>James 5:7-12</i>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> of Sep</b>	Ian Grant	<i>James 5:13-20</i>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> of Sep</b>	David Bruner	<i>Bible overview 11</i>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> of Sep</b>	David Bruner	<i>Bible overview 12</i>

## 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.

### 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 ***Details on back table***

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> of Sep, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, 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)

**Where** TBA

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August

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, Songs and Chris Burton	Volunteers	Volunteers

## **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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***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)).



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