



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 25th 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 96:1-10¹

- ¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendour and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendour of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *The Lord Is King*

Author: Josiah Conder

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth, and all ye heav'ns, rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring,
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”

*Sing His praise, sing His praise
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days
Sing His praise, sing His praise
All your days, all your days.*

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

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

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care?
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?

*Sing His praise, sing His praise
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days
Sing His praise, sing His praise
All your days, all your days.*

The Lord is King! Bow down we must,
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all His ways;
Let ev'ry creature sing His praise.

*Sing His praise, sing His praise
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days
Sing His praise, sing His praise
All your days, all your days. (REPEAT)*

Mighty to Save

Authors: Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus (**REPEAT**)

*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Marking our sixth anniversary as a Church

A Corporate Prayer of Thankfulness *Psalm 145:1-13*

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name
for ever and ever.

People: **Every day I will bless you and praise your name for
ever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his
greatness is unsearchable.

People: **One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your
wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

People: **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader; The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has
made.

ALL: *All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Amen!*

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 *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.

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 (p13) for further information about the offering.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:36-47 (Church Bible p910)

Message Acts 2:36-47 *“Born into a Family”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. BAPTISM – COVENANT SIGN AND SEAL OF BELONGING

A. Old Covenant Sign - Circumcision

B. New Covenant Sign – Baptism

C. Why Infant Baptism

D. Why Sprinkling or Pouring

II. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH – LIFE IN THE FAMILY

A. Privileges

- i. To be loved**
- ii. To hear the Word**
- iii. To celebrate the Sacraments**
- iv. The grace of oversight**

B. Responsibilities

- i. To love**
- ii. To turn up**
- iii. To grow**

C. Why Join

CONCLUSION *“all people will know that you are my disciples”*

Reception into membership

We rejoice today in God's grace in Christ as we receive into membership Oliver Burton, by Profession of Faith, and Raquel Morla by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

Testimony from Oliver

Membership vows for Oliver and Raquel

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except for His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavour to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and commit yourself to the purity and peace of the Church?

Baptism of Raquel

Congregational vow

Do you as a congregation receive Raquel and Oliver in Christian love, and promise, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen and encourage them in their faith, and to live out your union with them in the peace of Christ?

Answer: *We do*

Baptism of Raquel

Prayer and welcome by the elders

Closing Songs *How Great Thou Art*

Author: Carl Gustav Boberg

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed,
*Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
*Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

And when I think of God, his son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin,
*Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim "My God how great Thou art!"
*Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

This I Believe

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting
The all creating one
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in you
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

BENEDICTION³

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.

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).

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Acts 2:36-47

1. Discuss the enormity of the grace that is shown to the people on the day of Pentecost. How does this speak to us today?
2. Discuss the significance of union with Christ creating union with His people (see also 1 John 1:3). What kind of life in community is created by union with Christ? What is the potential impact of that life on people who don't yet know Christ (see also Acts 2:47 and John 13:34,35)?
3. Baptism is the sign and seal of union with Christ and therefore initiation into the life of the Church. What are the blessings that come to us through union with Christ? What does the water signify?
4. Discuss the following quote: "As the Bible sees it, baptism is not primarily a sign of repentance and faith on the part of the baptized. It is not a sign of anything that we do at all. It is a **covenant sign** (like circumcision, but without blood-shedding), and therefore a sign of the work of God on our behalf which precedes and makes possible our own responsive movement." G. W. Bromiley Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, p117. What implications might this have for assurance? What implications might this have for infant baptism? What implications might this have for the way the water is applied?
5. Why do you think it is important to join a local church and make one's membership in the Body of Christ real and tangible?
6. What are the privileges of membership?
7. What are the responsibilities of membership? How can we grow in these and encourage one another in them?

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.

Today, come, share and celebrate our 6th Anniversary as a Church

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: 1st of September, ***next Sunday***

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 28th of August (2nd and 4th 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.

18th of August Peter Boyd *Bible overview 10*

25th of August Peter Boyd *Baptism and Church Membership*

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.

1st of Sep Ian Grant *James 4:11-5:6*

8th of Sep Ian Grant *James 5:7-12*

15th of Sep Ian Grant *James 5:13-20*

22nd of Sep David Bruner *Bible overview 11*

29th of Sep David Bruner *Bible overview 12*

Wedding Invitation – woohoo!

What Jesse Son and Jessica Hwang invite all our Shore Pres family to share in the joy of our Wedding Day.

When 1:00 pm Saturday 19th of October

Where St Leonards Chapel and Gardens
1 St Leonards Rd, Belmont, Auckland 0622

Photos and reception to follow (lots of tasty Korean food :D)

Please RSVP by informing Jess or Jesse if possible!

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***
See also the Growing in Grace article about last years Mission to Fiji – “Broadening Horizons”.

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 12th 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 12th of September, 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 start, to finish by 8:30 p.m. (2nd and 4th Thursday of each month)

Where TBA

Prayer FOCUS

We recognise the importance of prayer as a foundation for all we do in ministry. In it we depend upon God to work His will, by His power, for His glory through frail instruments. The elders have felt that there are times when we should target some need or ministry in the life of the Church for particular attention.

Please make these three items a focussed part of your private and family prayers:

1. **The Gisborne Grace Church** is in need of finances to break even each month. As a church we have contribute a one-off donation of \$500 from our Church Planting fund. Please pray that the Lord would provide for this work of the Gospel both from within its own congregation and the wider church.
2. **Do remember to plead for the unborn** as the Government considers radical changes to the Abortion Legislation. Remember Submissions due by 19 September. Visit lovethemboth.org for helps.
3. We are also looking forward to welcoming into the life of Shore Pres, **Pastor Marcos, his wife Edenise and their four children: Vinicius, Stephanie, Lucas and Andre.** They come to us from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) and will live among us at Shore Pres as their “host church” while they learn English and New Zealand culture as the Lord prepares them for longer term ministry in New Zealand. They are due to arrive around February 2020. Please pray for visa arrangements and for provision of all that is needful for them to settle in New Zealand.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 1st of September – Fellowship Lunch

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 Phoebe	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Chris and Oliver Burton	Volunteers	Volunteers

Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest (more available on the website: 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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