



## Welcome to Worship

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 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 95:1-7<sup>1</sup>**

- 1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

## **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *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

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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.

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...*)

### ***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)***

Authors: John Newton, Chris Tomlin

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
T'was blind but now I see

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God my Saviour has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we first begun.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God my Saviour has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

## ***I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say***

Author: Horatius Bonar

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

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

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.

## **Corporate Profession of Faith Psalm 34:9-22**

**Leader** Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

**People** The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

**Leader** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**People** What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

**Leader** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

**People** Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

**Leader** The eyes of the Lord are towards the righteous and his ears towards their cry.

**People** The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

**Leader** When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**People** The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

**ALL** **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

**He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.**

**Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

## **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** James 1:2 – 11; 5:7 – 20 & 2 Peter 3:3 - 10

### **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 (p19) for further information about the offering.

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

#### ***Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus***

Author: Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh precious is the flow*

*That makes me white as snow;*

*No other fount I know,*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

For my cleansing this my plea,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh precious is the flow*

*That makes me white as snow;*

*No other fount I know,*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus*



This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

**Message** Ian Grant James 5:7-12

*Enduring to the end, with hope*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions.

### **1. Introduction & Outline:**

In the introduction to the Epistle 1:2-11 there is a need for patience (1:2-4) and the need for prayer (1:5-8) both applied in the contrasting circumstances of life (1:9-11). In the conclusion to the Epistle 5:7-20 James repeats the need for patience (5:7-12); the need for prayer (5:13-18) and the need for care (5:19-20) all in the contrasting circumstances of life. James expresses real pastoral concerns as he exhorts the believers. Why? Because Christ is coming back, restoration is on the way – how then should we live as we wait, especially in the face of our present trials, suffering and stress?

**2. 5:7-8 Patience illustrated –**

**3. 5:9 Warning about impatience –**

**4. 5:10-11 The reward of patience –**

**5. 5:12 ‘Do not swear’ –**

**6. Conclusion and Response –**

Are we applying the Gospel of Grace to ourselves and others – one day  
at a time?

## **Closing Song *I Surrender All***

Author: Judson W. Van de Venter

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
In his presence daily live.

*I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,  
May I know Thy pow'r divine.

*I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Saviour  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

*I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Saviour  
I surrender all.*

## **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<sup>5</sup>

An Illustration – Discuss examples of patience and how it would be different if we take seriously the context of the eminent second coming of Christ. (cf. 2 Peter 3:3-10).

- Therefore, in what practical ways can we establish or strengthen our hearts?
  
- 1) **A warning** – How has grumbling impacted your life and how might it be different if we take seriously the context of ‘the judge at the door’
  
- 2) **A reward** – Discuss the ideas that the reward is not so much about material blessing as God revealing more of himself. (cf. Job 42:4-6; Ps 119:71 and John 17:3).
  
- 3) **Oaths** – Discuss when oaths are appropriate and not, for us today. (cf Matt 5:34-37).

Overall review – consider the place of the Gospel in the discussion about patience in the face of the trials of this life.

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<sup>5</sup> The questions have been adapted from Anthony E. Bird. Practice Make Perfect: The book of James simply explained. (EP Books, 2009)

# NOTICES

## Encouragement Groups

### Torbay

**When** Sunday evenings, 7:30 pm  
**Where** 6 Allender Drive, Torbay  
**Contact** Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980  
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** Bruner's 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: 6<sup>th</sup> October

## Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 11<sup>th</sup> September (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month) ***This Week***  
**Where** **Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay (*Leader Malcolm Tasker*)**

## Preaching Programme

Ministry of the Word on Sunday mornings during September.

**8<sup>th</sup> of Sep** Ian Grant *James 5:7-12* *Worship Leader David Bruner*

**15<sup>th</sup> of Sep** Ian Grant *James 5:13-20* *Worship Leader Paul Burton*

**22<sup>nd</sup> of Sep** David Bruner *Bible overview 12* *Worship Leader Malcolm Tasker*

**29<sup>th</sup> of Sep** David Bruner *Bible overview 13* *Worship Leader Ian Grant*

**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.

## Wedding Invitation

- What** Jesse Son and Jessica Hwang invite all our Shore Pres. family to share in the joy of our Wedding.
- When** 1:00 pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- Where** St. Leonards Chapel and Gardens. 1 St. Leonards Rd, Belmont, Auckland 0622.
- Photos and reception to follow**  
**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***

## 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> September, (*this week*)** 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 a study of Mark’s Gospel, chapters 1-8” by Tim Chester.  
***(This week - Study 9 - The Recognised King - Mark 7:24-8:30)***
- When** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 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** **Ruth Munroe’s home, 1/233 Forrest Hill Road, Forrest Hill.**

**Serving Roster for next Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> September**

<b>SHORE KID'S LEADER</b>	<b>CRECHE</b>	<b>KITCHEN &amp; MORNING TEA</b>	<b>OPEN UP &amp; FIRE WARDEN</b>	<b>HALL SET-UP</b>	<b>HALL TAKE DOWN &amp; CLEAN UP</b>	<b>SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Karen van Bemmelen</b>	<b>Dennis van Bemmelen</b>	<b>Dennis, Steve Bilton Cameron Munroe</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>

## **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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