



Welcome to Worship

Sunday 15th 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 57:9-11¹

9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
10 For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and the Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever, **Amen.**

Songs of Adoration² & Praise - *Praise to The Lord*

Author: Joachim Neander

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.

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.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him.
Let the "Amen,"
Sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him.

The Sands Of Time Are Sinking

Author: Samuel Rutherford

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

Man Of Sorrows

Authors: Brooke Ligertwood, Matt Crocker
Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee.*

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee.*

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed (*REPEAT*)

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee.*

Profession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed ³

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 catholic⁴ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

Scripture Reading James 1:2-11; 5:7-20

³ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

⁴ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

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

The Church's One Foundation

Author: Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Message Ian Grant James 5:13-20
"Prayer and Care."

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.

2. 5:13 - When to Pray -

3. 5:14-16a - How to Pray-

4. 5:16b-18 - Why do we Pray? -

5. 5:19-20 - Care: the leaver sensitive church -

6. Conclusion and Response -

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

Closing Song *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*

Author: Author: E.A. Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

BENEDICTION⁵

⁵ 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 Questions⁷

Questions for Encouragement Groups

- 1) Are there circumstances when you find yourself praying more than at other times? How do you respond differently? [James 5:13]
- 2) How does our consideration of the NOW and NOT YET tension play out when we are praying for healing? What is the place of using ordinary medical means? [James 5:14; cf. Mk 2:17; 1Tim 5:23]
- 3) What should our response be when a prayer for healing, offered in faith, does not bring healing? There may be a link between sin and sickness but not necessarily so - [cf. Jn 9:1-3; Job 2:7; Lk 13:16; Num 12:9-15] - so what should our attitude be toward those who are suffering? [Note the conditional "IF" James 5:15]
- 4) What is the place of confession and what do we need to be careful of? [James 5:16]
- 5) So why pray at all? [James 5:16b-18] Consider Elijah 1 Kings 17:1-18:46. So how should we pray? what should characterise our prayer?
- 6) [James 5:19-20] Are we humbly caring for one another and how can we do it better? [cf. Gal 6:1-2]

Overall review - consider the place of the Gospel in the discussion about prayer and care in the face of the trials of this life

⁷ 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 – 1st, 3rd (and 5th) 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 1st Sunday of the month, next: 6th October

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 25th September (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay (*Leader Malcolm Tasker*)

Preaching Programme

Ministry of the Word on Sunday mornings during September.

22nd of Sep David Bruner *Bible overview 12 Worship Leader Malcolm Tasker*

29th 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 19th 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!
email nau1304@gmail.com

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 10th October**, 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.
- When** **Thursday 26th September**, 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 start. This will be our final study for the year - looking at “*The Servant King*”
Mark 8:22-38.
- Where** **TBA**

Invitations from Covenant Presbyterian Church
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Op Shop Ball:

6:30 pm Saturday 21st September held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 77 Rogers Road, Manurewa. All ages welcome.

Survivor Camp:

An invitation to come along to the “*Covenant Youth’s Survivor Camp*”.
6 – 8 December.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/covenantyouthcamp2019>.

Cost \$50

Notices for both these events are on the back table.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 22nd September						
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 Boyd	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Jesse Song Jonathan Munroe	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.*

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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