



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 3RD OF NOVEMBER 2019

**Celebration of the
Lord's Supper**

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 36:5-9¹

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

Prayer of adoration 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 *God of Wonders*

Authors: Mark Byrd, and Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation

Of water earth and sky

The heavens are your tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

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.

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.*

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth **(4x)**

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The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.*

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Author: Elizabeth Payson Prentiss

More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ to Thee!
*More love, more love, more love to Thee;
More love, more love to Thee!*

Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee!
*More love, more love, more love to Thee;
More love, more love to Thee!*

Then shall my latest breath
Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee!
*More love, more love, more love to Thee; (Repeat 3x)
More love, more love to Thee!*

Ministry Moment Report on the Grace Presbyterian Church
General Assembly 7th to the 10th of October

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 Ruth 2:1-13 (page 222 in Church Bible)

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 (p11) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

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.

Message *Ruth 2:1-13 "For I Shall Again Praise Him"*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. PICTURES OF HOPE AND MERCY

- a. **Pictured in barley harvest**

- b. **Pictured in gleaning**

- c. **Pictured in a man called Boaz**

II. GRACE TO THE STRANGER AND THE NEEDY

- a. **Boaz understood grace**

b. Grace for all who flee to Him for refuge

c. A Grace to be shown

I. HOW RIGHT TO FLEE TO HIM FOR REFUGE

II. HOPE AND MERCY FOR US AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL

a. At the beginning of harvest

b. No matter how far we have sunk

c. Grace pictured in a man called Jesus

CONCLUSION

a. Seek the Lord while He may be found

b. Turn from the idols that will not satisfy

c. Fulness at the Table

Song of preparation for receiving the Lord's Supper

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Author: Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness

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Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

The Lord's Supper *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 15. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Corporate assurance of Grace *The Heidelberg Catechism*³

Question 60 *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments of God, and have never having kept any of them, and am still prone always toward all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such with a believing heart.

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*⁴

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,

³ The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th Century document designed to teach the biblical faith. A Catechism, meaning "oral instruction", is a helpful means of learning using the method of memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

⁴ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

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 catholic⁵ church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayer *Malcolm Tasker*

Closing Song *He Is Exalted*

Author: Twila Paris

He is exalted the King is exalted on high
I will praise him,
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise his name
*He is the Lord,
Forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth,
Rejoice in his holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high (REPEAT)*

BENEDICTION⁶

⁵ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

⁶ 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 Ruth 2:1-13

1. Have there been times in your life where you felt like there was no hope? Did you find hope? How?
2. How does this part of Ruth's story convey hope?
3. In our dark times what are the ways that God can bring us glimmers of hope?
4. What, for us, might be the idols of Moab that cannot give us the Life that Jesus, the Bread of Life, holds out to those who repent and believe?
5. In what ways do you see Boaz as a picture of the Lord Jesus; and how does that encourage you?
6. What lessons can we learn from Boaz for the way we view and reach out to others?
7. Who is vulnerable (materially, physically or emotionally) in our community and how could we show them the Lord's kindness?

Some thoughts ...

“God is kind to Ruth and Naomi through the kindness and obedience of his people. We are to show the same kindness toward others, especially the vulnerable. This creates an attractive community of kindness. God is revealed as a God who liberates and protects, and people of all nations come to him for refuge.”

Tim Chester, *Explore: Bible notes for adults*

“The remedy for our hard and bitter hearts in the midst of our distress is to ponder God’s awesome grace and covenant faithfulness. If we fix our eyes on the glorious grace of God and His costly answer for our deepest need, then we will not so quickly doubt that he will meet all of our other needs.”

Iain M. Duguid, *Esther and Ruth*, Commentary, R & R, 2005, p167

“What is more, these hardest of providences come to us from our Redeemer’s nail-scarred hand. The Jesus who commits himself to be with us in the midst of our trials knows what it is to suffer. As a result, he is able to be our Refuge in the storm, the one under whose wings we may come and take shelter”

Duguid, p167

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

When Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm
Where Boyd’s home, 15 Summit Drive Torbay
Contact Pastor Pete 473 9390 or 021 0367 957
Note Bring & share lunch, last Sunday of the month
On break today and next week

Pinehill

When Thursday evenings, 6:30 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: 3rd of November, ***today***

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 13th of November (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd’s home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Women's Ministry

- What** Ladies Bible Study and fellowship - all ages
When Currently on break for October
Where TBA
Also Women's Retreat in 2020 – watch this space for updates

Ladies Christmas Event

- What** Progressive Dinner – for all the ladies
When Saturday 7th of December, starting at 5:30 pm
Where Venues to be advised

Please see Cathy Tasker or Christine Grant TODAY to let them know you can come and what you can provide

Men's ministry

- What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
 Looking at the issues facing men today in light of the Gospel of Christ
When Thursday 14th of November, 7:30 pm, (monthly 2nd Thursday)
Where Steve's place, 2/11 Regatta Road, Torbay
Contact Pastor Dave 022 477 4978 or Steve 022 647 0931

Invitation from Covenant Presbyterian Church

- What** An invitation to "The Covenant Youth Survivors Camp"
When 6th to the 8th of December
Where A farm South of Auckland
Cost \$50 ***Check flyer on back table***
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/covenantyouthcamp2019>

Serving Roster for next Sunday the of 10th of November

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	Margaret Jones	Dennis	Dennis, Callum B., Jonathan M.	Volunteers	Volunteers

Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper

Prayer of uncertainty *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

Prayer for those searching for truth *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

Prayer of belief *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

Prayer of commitment *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

Prayer for those struggling with sin *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

Prayer for the believer *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*



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