



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 10th OF NOVEMBER 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 3:21-26¹

- ²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

Prayer of adoration, confession and assurance

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *10,000 Reasons*

Author: Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger
Your name is great, and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

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.

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship your holy name (REPEAT)

At the Fountain

Authors: Pacific Crossroads Church

There is healing at the fountain

Come and find it weary soul,

There your sins will all be covered

Jesus waits to make you whole

O the blessed healing fountain

I'm so glad it's flowing free

O the precious cleansing fountain

Praise the Lord it washes over me!

There is healing at the fountain

Look to Jesus now and live

At the cross lay all your burdens

All your wanderings He'll forgive

O the blessed healing fountain

I'm so glad it's flowing free

O the precious cleansing fountain

Praise the Lord it washes over me!

There is healing at the fountain

Precious fountain filled with blood,

Come o come the Saviour calls you,

Come and plunge beneath this flood.

O the blessed healing fountain

I'm so glad it's flowing free

O the precious cleansing fountain

Praise the Lord it washes over me! (REPEAT)

Mission Spot Malcolm Tasker & Sophia Burton (serving Japan)

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 Confession and Repentance *God Be Merciful to Me*

Author: Christopher Miner

God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Author: Matt Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery

In the dawning of the King

He the theme of heaven's praises

Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness

Now the light of life has come

Look to Christ, who condescended

Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery

He the perfect Son of Man

In His living, in His suffering

Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam

Come to save the hell-bound man

Christ the great and sure fulfillment

Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery

Christ the Lord upon the tree

In the stead of ruined sinners

Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption

See the Father's plan unfold

Bringing many sons to glory

Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery

Slain by death the God of life

But no grave could e'er restrain Him

Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance

How unwavering our hope

Christ in power resurrected

As we will be when he comes

Scripture Reading Ruth 2 (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.

Message *Ruth 2:14-23* “*He Gives More Grace*”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT IS GRACE LIKE?

- A. Grace is lavish**
- B. Grace is undeserved**
- C. Grace comes in a person: the True Kinsman-Redeemer**

II. WHAT GRACE DOES FOR US

- A. Grace transforms our hearts**
- B. Grace leads us to service**

C. Grace leads us through life

D. Grace provides for us

E. Grace leads us through pain

CONCLUSION

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.*

BENEDICTION³

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Ruth 2:14-23

1. Have you struggled with the idea of your relationship with God being based on performance/works? Explain how this has shown itself in your heart and/or actions. Why do you think we wrestle with that?
2. Discuss the grace of God as it is pictured in Boaz's treatment of Ruth. Think also about Boaz as a Redeemer figure and how we are like Ruth. How does that speak to performance-based Christianity?
3. What is the effect true grace has on our hearts? Think about how it was changing Naomi.
4. How does grace change our hearts regarding our view of others, especially thinking about "outsiders" to the things of Christ?
5. In the story, grace is providing marvelously for Naomi and Ruth. How are we encouraged to trust grace to provide for us? See also: Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 3:20 and Romans 8:32.
6. How does the story of grace in Naomi's life encourage us when we suffer griefs or have bitterness in our hearts?

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.

Some thoughts ...

“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 ***On break today***
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

Pinehill

When Thursday evenings, 6:30 pm
Where Bruners’ home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
Contact Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Prayer Meeting

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

Lord’s Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 1st of December

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

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>

Combined Presbytery Service

- What** An opportunity to share in worship and meet brothers and sisters from the other Auckland Grace Presbyterian Churches. At this service the Northern Presbytery will be installing Pastor Steve Panapa into his new role as Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, Mangere. That's something to celebrate!
When 2:00 pm, Sunday the 24th of November
Where 22 Rosella Rd, Mangere East
Bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Shore Presbyterian Annual General Meeting

What The membership will have opportunity particularly to see and approve the budget and to hear news and information regarding the church's life

When Sunday the 24th of November, after morning worship.

Christmas Notices

Some dates to mark in your diary:

***Browns Bay Carols on the Green** Friday the 6th of December*

***A Very Long Bay Christmas** Saturday the 14th of December*

***Shore Pres** No Christmas Day service this year but a special service on Sunday the 22nd at 10 am.*

Serving Roster for next Sunday the of 17th 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	Ruth Munroe	Dennis	Dennis, Cam Munroe & Oliver Burton	Volunteers	Volunteers

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).

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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