



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 17th 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 Hebrews 1:1-4¹

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Prayer of adoration and confession

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Arise My Soul Arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

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.

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

By Thy Mercy

Authors: James J. Cummins, Greg Thompson

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace.

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

Time of Repentance and Confession 1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Assurance of Grace 1 John 4:9-17

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgement, because as he is so also are we in this world.

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.**

Song of Assurance *Near the Cross*

Author: Fannie Crosby

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Shed his beams around me.

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.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

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 3 (page 223 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 (p15) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Speak O Lord*

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.

Message *Ruth 3:1-18 "Love of every love the best"*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. THE ROLE OF THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER

II. THE REASON FOR THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER

III. THE RIGHTNESS OF TRUSTING THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER

IV. THE RESULT OF THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER

V. THE REAL LOVE STORY

- a. Hollywood or wholeness**
- b. The love story behind the scenes**
- c. The love of Jesus:**
 - i. what He loves**
 - ii. what He paid**
 - iii. what He gives.**

CONCLUSION 1. Feed that love!

2. Tell out our souls!

Closing Song *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.

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 Questions

Scripture Reading Ruth 3

1. How does this part of Ruth's story give you hope?
2. How does God display His tender mercies or His faithfulness or His steadfast love?
3. What is a Kinsman-Redeemer (see Leviticus 25:23-28; Deuteronomy 25:5-10)? Why did God provide for this (see Genesis 17:7-8)? How is he a picture of the Lord Jesus; and how does that encourage you?
4. What is the greater thing Jesus does and what is the greater thing he provides?
5. How does this all point to the "greatest love of all"? Can we still be missing out on the greatest of loves reflected here? And how can we feed that love?
6. What lessons can we learn from this reflection on Jesus as our Redeemer for the way we view and reach out to others?

Some thoughts ...

"My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?"

Words: Samuel Crossman, *The Young Man's Meditation*, 1664.

“Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Words: Frederick M. Lehman 1917 Songs That Are Different, Volume 2, 1919

“Christian, in that gift of love lies the reason why you should speak. There’s a love story that needs to be told to the wandering sheep who are still out in the cold. There are people who do not yet know that God has loved them so much. So how can we keep quiet? How can we not speak of the glories of this God who has loved us so much, whatever the risk? We must look for and make opportunities to speak of this love of God. Having been loved so much, we must surely declare the praises of the Redeemer who saved us through his blood”

Iain M. Duguid, Esther and Ruth, Commentary, R & R, 2005, p179

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,
***meeting today to have time with our brother Marcos
from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.***

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: 1st of December

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 27th 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

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 12th of December, 7:30 pm, (monthly 2nd Thursday)

Where TBA

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>

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.

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.***

Christmas Notices

Some dates to mark in your diary:

- **Browns Bay Carols on the Green** *Friday the 6th of December*
- **Shore Pres** *No Christmas Day service this year but a special service on Sunday the 22nd at 10 am.*
- **A Very Long Bay Christmas** *Saturday the 14th of December*
 Shore Pres has volunteered to hand out flyers, supply first aid personnel and be involved with the music (there will be several practices for the music).
 If you can help, please let Peter or Malcolm know **ASAP**.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the of 24th 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	Christine Grant	Dennis	Dennis, Ian Grant, Keith Knapp	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).



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