



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 1ST OF DECEMBER 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 23¹

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever. **Amen**

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.

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

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.

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.

²Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

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.

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 4 (page 224 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 (p12) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Amazing Grace*

Author: John Newton

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

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home.

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.

Message *Ruth 4:11-22* *“Jesus: friend of sinners”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. FILLING THE EMPTINESS

- a. Naomi
- b. Ruth
- c. The nameless redeemer
- d. Boaz
- e. Jesus
- f. You and I

II. THE BIGGER PICTURE

- a. The Grand Scheme -
Creation/Fall/Redemption/Consummation
- b. Prophetic Fulfilment
- c. The Book of Judges and the light in the darkness

III. GOD’S ASSURING GRACE

- a. Jesus’ family tree and ‘scandalous grace’

b. Jesus is the friend of sinners

CONCLUSION

a. Calling us to be empty in order to be filled

b. Assuring us that fullness will come

c. Assuring us that He is creating beauty out of brokenness

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 16. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Time of Confession and Repentance Isaiah 55:1-3,6,7

¹ Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? ... ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; ... ⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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.

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper *This I Believe*

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting

The all creating one

God Almighty

Through your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father

I believe in Christ the Son

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in one

I believe in the resurrection

That we will rise again

For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender

Suffered and crucified

Forgiveness is in you

Descended into darkness

You rose in glorious life

Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father

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.

*I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus
*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Prayer *David Bruner*

Closing Song *Mighty to Save*

Authors: Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations
*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus (**REPEAT**)

*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

BENEDICTION⁴

⁴ 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).

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

When Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm, ***Currently on break***
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

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 1st of December, ***today***
Please note, fellowship lunch postponed until the 8th of December

Prayer Meeting

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

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

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

Invitation from Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

Lake Project

What	Lake Project is a 13-day investment in deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ through a broad range of training: all while you enjoy Christ-centred friendships, breath-taking scenery and a whole lot of fun!
When	Friday 24 th of January to Thursday 6 th of February 2020
Where	Queenstown. See accommodation at: www.pinewood.co.nz
Who	Lake Project is run by Engage Otago and Engage Canterbury for university students and young adults to equip them to pursue Jesus and share him with others for the rest of their lives. (Engage is a ministry of the Grace Churches in Dunedin and Christchurch)
Cost	Early Bird: \$700 (if paid by 31 st December) \$750 (if paid after 31 st December)
Register	at www.engage.net.nz More info: See flyer on back table

Shore Presbyterian Church Family Camp

What	A weekend of fun, fellowship and growth
Where	Mangawhai Heads
When	Friday evening the 20 th to Sunday the 22 nd of March 2020

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 supply first aid personnel and be involved with the music (there will be several practices for the music).
 We will also hand out flyers in Long Bay after worship on the 8th of Dec.
 If you can help, please let Peter or Malcolm know **ASAP**.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the of 8th of December

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	Anna Knapp	Dennis	Dennis, Keith and Chris Burton	Dennis, Keith & Chris plus 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.*

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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