



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 8TH OF DECEMBER 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 Luke 1:49-55¹²

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.”

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Author: Anonymous

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*⁴
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

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

² From Mary's song when she is told she will give birth the Saviour, God's Son, Jesus the Christ.

³ Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

⁴ "Gloria in excelsis Deo," is Latin for "Glory to God in the highest," the song of the angelic host who announced the birth of Jesus the Messiah according to Luke 2:14.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Author: Charles Wesley

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He who's glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born with-in a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have not done those things
 which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things
 which we ought not to have done.
But You, O Lord are merciful. Forgive us, O Lord,
 as we confess our faults.
 Restore us as we repent,
 according to Your promises
 declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;
 that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Luke 1:68, 76-79⁵

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
 for he has visited and redeemed his people ...
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people

⁵ From Zechariah's prophecy concerning his son John the Baptist who would announce the grace and salvation to come to us in Jesus Christ.

in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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 Praise *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Author: Anonymous

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh

To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in Thy ways to go

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and sorrows cease
Fill all the world with heaven's peace

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Psalm 148*

The Lord of heaven confess;
On high his glory raise.
Him let all angels bless,
Him all his armies praise.
Him glorify sun, moon, and stars;
Ye higher spheres,
And cloudy sky.

From God your beings are,
Him therefore famous make;
You all created were,
When he the word but spake.
And from that place, where fixed you be
By his decree,
You cannot pass.

Oh, let God's name be praised
Above both earth and sky;
For he his saints hath raised,
And set their horn on high;
Even those that be of Israel's race,
Near to his grace,
The Lord praise ye.

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 8 (page 230 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 (p13) for further information about the offering.

Message *Bible Overview Series 1 Samuel*
“Who then will you serve?”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

Summary

The Kingdom concept

I. SAMUEL – Restorative Reign

a. Barrenness

b. The Kingmaker

c. The Prophet

II. SAUL – A King after man’s own heart

III. DAVID – A King after God’s own heart

CONCLUSION – choose you this day whom you will serve

Closing Song *My Hope Is Built*

Author: Edward Mote

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand. (REPEAT)*

BENEDICTION⁶

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

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: 6th of January

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 11th of Dec (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), **this week**
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

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 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

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 24th of January to Thursday 6th 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 31st December)
\$750 (if paid after 31st 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 20th to Sunday the 22nd of March 2020

Christmas Notices

Some dates to mark in your diary:

- **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**.

Farewell to David and Gretchen

Next Sunday after worship we will have our monthly bring and share Fellowship Lunch (normally on the 1st Sunday) as an opportunity to farewell and give thanks for David and Gretchen's ministry among us over the last three years. Please take the opportunity to stay on and share a word of thankfulness for them.

New Year's Eve BBQ at the Grants

- When** Tuesday 31st December, from 5:30pm.
Where 2/32 Sea Vista Ave, BeachHaven. (Additional parking on Mariner's View Rd).
BYO Meat, drinks, friends. Salads and dessert provided.
RSVP to Christine or Ian by 29 December.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the of 15th of December - Fellowship Lunch

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	Lydia Song	Dennis	Dennis, Song Family & Steve Bilton	Dennis, Songs & Steve plus 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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