



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 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** Isaiah 9:1-7<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

## Prayer of adoration and approach

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise**    *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Author: John Francis Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him;*  
*O come, let us adore him;*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:

"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"

*O come, let us adore him;*  
*O come, let us adore him;*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*Christ the Lord!*

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born that happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

*O come, let us adore him;*  
*O come, let us adore him;*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*Christ the Lord!*

### ***Hark the Herald Angels Sing***

Author: John Wesley

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,

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

“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;  
Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th’incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav’nly Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris’n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lay his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die.  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

### **Profession of Faith** *The Apostle’s Creed*<sup>3</sup>

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.

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<sup>3</sup> The Apostle’s Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

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 catholic<sup>4</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **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 Holy Night*

Author: Adolphe Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, the night when Christ was born;  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Now come the wise men from orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus lowly manger;  
In all our trials born to be our friend,

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<sup>4</sup> The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,  
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!  
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and his gospel is peace.  
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise his holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever,  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!

## **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word**

### *My Song Is Love Unknown*

Author: Samuel Crossman

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?

He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know:  
But oh, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day



Hosannas to their King:  
Then “Crucify!”  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

**Scripture Reading** 2 Samuel 7:1-22 (page 259 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 2 Samuel*

*“A house for him, a home for us”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. THE GREAT PROMISE TO KING DAVID**

#### **a. David’s victories**

**b. The everlasting kingdom**

**c. All the promises of God are yes and amen**

**II. THE SUFFERING THAT LEADS TO EXALTATION**

**a. For David**

**b. For Jesus**

**c. For His people**

**III. FEET OF CLAY – sin, it's messy consequences and grace**

**a. For David**

**b. For us**

**c. We all need great David's greater Son**

**IV. CONCLUSION: OUR GREAT AND CERTAIN HOPE  
A HOUSE FOR HIM – A HOME FOR US**

**a. He had no home**

**b. To give us a home**

**c. Our response: who am I?**

## **Closing Song** *Joy to the World*

Author: Isaac Watts

Joy to the world the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make his blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,

And wonders, wonders, of his love.

## **BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**

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<sup>5</sup> 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

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 6<sup>th</sup> of January

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, now on break until the New Year  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**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** Now on break until the New Year (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
**Where** Steve's place, 2/11 Regatta Road, Torbay  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957 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

### Shore Presbyterian Church Family Camp

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

## Christmas Notices

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

## Farewell to David and Gretchen

Today after worship we will have our monthly bring and share Fellowship Lunch (normally on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Beach Haven. (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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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	Callum Boyd	Dennis	Dennis, Oliver Burton & Cameron Munroe	Dennis, Oliver & Cameron 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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker ([cathytasker@gmail.com](mailto:cathytasker@gmail.com)).

## **Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest** (more available on the website: [shorepres.org.nz](http://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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