



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 29<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** Psalm 27:4,5<sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to enquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

## **Opening Prayer of Adoration and Approach**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *Better Is One Day*

Author: Matt Redman

How lovely is your dwelling place  
Oh, Lord Almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings  
*Better is one day in Your courts*  
*Better is one day in Your house*  
*Better is one day in Your courts*  
*Than thousands elsewhere (REPEAT)*  
*Than thousands elsewhere*

One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells  
One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

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

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

*Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere (REPEAT)  
Than thousands elsewhere*

My heart and flesh cry out  
For You, the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You  
*Better is one day,  
Better is one day,  
Better is one day,  
Than thousands elsewhere (WOMEN REPEAT)*

*Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere (MEN REPEAT)*

**ALL:** *Than thousands elsewhere*

### ***Be Thou My Vision***

Author: Dalan Forgail

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **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** Psalm 103:1-4, 8-14

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
    and all that is within me,  
    bless his holy name!  
<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
    and forget not all his benefits,  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
    who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
    who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ...  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
    slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
    nor will he keep his anger for ever.  
<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
    nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
    so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
    so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
    so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.  
<sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame;  
    he remembers that we are dust.

### **Song of Grace** *Come Ye Sinners*

Author: Joseph Hart

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
*He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.*

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
*Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.*

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.

*This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.*

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.

*None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good. (REPEAT)*

### **Corporate Profession of Faith: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (adapted)**

**Leader** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy

**People** He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

**Leader** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and  
unfading, kept in heaven for *us*

**People** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a  
salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Leader** In this *we* rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,  
*we* have been grieved by various trials

**People** so that the tested genuineness of *our* faith—more precious  
than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—

**Leader** may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the  
revelation of Jesus Christ.

**ALL** **Though *we* have not seen him, *we* love him. Though *we* do  
not now see him, *we* believe in him and rejoice with joy that  
is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome  
of *our* faith, the salvation of *our* souls.**

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

### *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,  
"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'n-born 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!"

## **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** *“New Year’s Resolutions”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

- I. TO LOVE – Mark 12:28-30** (page 848 in Church Bible)
  
- II. TO BE HOLY – 1 Peter 1:13-19** (page 1014 in Church Bible)
  - A. It is required**
  - B. It is best**
  - C. It takes sweat**
  - D. It needs Christ**
  - E. It happens in Community**
  
- III. TO BEAR FRUIT – John 15:1-8** (page 901 in Church Bible)

## **Closing Song** *Satisfied*

Author: Clara T. Wilson

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</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, *next Sunday*

### 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

## Grace Theological College

Please check the flyer on the back table for opportunities in 2020 to deepen faith and knowledge and to be equipped for service.

## Painting in the Hall

Long Bay Primary School have advised us that they are painting the hall, toilets, entry and kitchen over the Christmas period, that is, from the 25<sup>th</sup> of December to the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. This is not intended to disrupt our worship but there may be some paint smell still lingering on Sunday mornings. All paint is water based so there will be no nasty enamel paint smells. We give thanks for the School's kindness to our Church.

## 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 *today*

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January – 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	Christine Grant and Amy Munroe	Dennis	Dennis, Ian Grant & Jesse Song	Dennis, Ian & Jesse 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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