



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2020**

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 46<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- <sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## **Prayer of confession and approach**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *Arise My Soul Arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise  
Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
In my behalf appears;

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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.

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*

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*

### ***At the Fountain***

Authors: Pacific Crossroads Church

There is healing at the fountain  
Come and find it weary soul,  
There your sins will all be covered  
Jesus waits to make you whole

*O the blessed healing fountain*

*I'm so glad it's flowing free*

*O the precious cleansing fountain  
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain  
Look to Jesus now and live  
At the cross lay all your burdens  
All your wanderings He'll forgive  
*O the blessed healing fountain  
I'm so glad it's flowing free  
O the precious cleansing fountain  
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain  
Precious fountain filled with blood,  
Come o come the Saviour calls you,  
Come and plunge beneath this flood.  
*O the blessed healing fountain  
I'm so glad it's flowing free  
O the precious cleansing fountain  
Praise the Lord it washes over me! (REPEAT)*

### **Corporate prayer of assurance and thanksgiving Psalm 103**

**Leader** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**People** **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

**Leader** who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**People** **who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**Leader** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People** **He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

**Leader** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**People** **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**

**Leader** as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**People** **As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

**Leader** For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

**People** **As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like flower of the field;**

**Leader** for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**ALL** ***But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.***

### **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.

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.**

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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.

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

## 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 *Here I Am to Worship*

*Author: Tim Hughes*

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

*Here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that You're my God*

*You're altogether lovely*

*Altogether worthy*

*Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days

Oh, so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

*Here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that You're my God*

*You're altogether lovely*

*Altogether worthy*

*Altogether wonderful to me*

I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross **(REPEAT)**

*Here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*



*Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me (REPEAT)*

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

*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.*

**Scripture Reading** Ephesians 3:14-21 (Church Bible p977)

## **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.

## **Message Ephesians 3:14-21 "2020 Vision"**

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. SPIRITUAL STRENGTH**

##### **A. The Holy Spirit**

*... so that ...*

##### **B. The Indwelling Christ**

*... so that ...*

#### **II. APPREHENDING LOVE**

##### **A. To Live Love**

##### **B. To Comprehend Love**

##### **C. To Know Love**

*... so that ...*

### III. GOD'S FULLNESS

#### CONCLUSION: ENCOURAGEMENTS SO TO PRAY AND SEEK

#### **Closing Song** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Author: Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he would give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross  
My guilt upon his shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no powr's, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>

### NOTICES

#### Encouragement Groups

New Encouragement Groups will be commencing soon. Watch this space as plans are finalized.

#### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 2<sup>nd</sup> of February

#### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 22<sup>nd</sup> of January (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

**Where** TBA

**Also** Women's Retreat in 2020 – watch this space for updates

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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.

## 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.

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January

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	Leah Munroe	Dennis	Dennis, Jonathan Munroe & Tom Wilson	Dennis, Jonathan & Tom 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 information 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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