



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 19TH 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 Isaiah 40:25-31¹

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Prayer of adoration and thankfulness

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Holy Holy Holy*

Author: Reginald Heber

Holy holy holy

Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

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

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

Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

God and God Alone

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God and God alone
Created all these things we call our own
From the mighty to the small
The Glory in them all
Is God's and God's alone

God and God alone
Reveals the truth of all we call unknown
All the best and worst of man
Won't change the Master's plan
It's God's and God's alone

God and God alone
Is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives
Reserve its truest praise
For God and God alone

God and God alone
Will be the joy of our eternal home
He will be our one desire
Our hearts will never tire
Of God and God alone.

Time of Confession and Repentance Psalm 32:1-5

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- ² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord",
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Corporate Assurance of Grace Romans 8:31-39

Leader What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Leader Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

People Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

People As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

Leader No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

ALL - *for I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Song of Assurance *You Alone Can Rescue*

Author: Matt Redman

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves,

Their own soul could heal?

Our shame was deeper than the sea

Your grace is deeper still

You alone can rescue, you alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

You came down to find us, led us out of death

To you alone belongs the highest praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way

The great divide you heal

For when our hearts were far away

Your love went further still

Yes, your love goes further still

You alone can rescue, you alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave

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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 *As the deer*

(Martin J. Nystrom, 1981)

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want you more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though you are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:12-21 (Church Bible p1018)

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 2 Peter 1:12-21

“The Truth, in the face of error and instability”

A lesson from 2 Peter

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

- “What is Truth?” - we are faced with truth questions everyday - how do we really know?
- the context of Peter's reminders (1:12-15 and 3:1-2) and exhortation
- Why is Truth revelation necessary?

OUTLINE

Peter wants believers to be assured of the truth of the Gospel and to live it out. Being established in the truth and living the Gospel is ongoing, our life's work.

So Peter appeals to core issues of truth revelation to the heart of man.

- I. THE EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY TO THE GOSPEL**
- IT IS NOT A MYTH Verses 16-18

II. THE PROPHETIC TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE Verses 19-21

CONCLUSION: PETER'S CHALLENGE TO US

Are we open hearted, dependent, revelation receivers of the Bible - the eyewitness testimony, the word written by Holy Spirit?

Will we hear reminders of the truth of the Gospel and seek to live it out, mindful that humble dependence on God's word is what it means to be truly human and have a right relationship with our Sovereign Creator.

Closing Song *Wonderful Grace*

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Wonderful grace,
that gives what I don't deserve
Pays me what Christ has earned,
and lets me go free
Wonderful grace,
that gives me the time to change
Washes away the stain
that once covered me
*And all that I am
I lay at the feet
Of the Wonderful Saviour
Who loves me*

Wonderful love,
that held in the face of death
Breathed, in its final breath,
Forgiveness for me
Wonderful love,
who's power can break every chain
Giving us life again
Setting us free
*And all that I am
I lay at the feet
Of the Wonderful Saviour w\\
Who loves me*

BENEDICTION³

³ 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

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

Please Note The bring & share lunch at the Boyd's home will be on again next Sunday, last Sunday of the month.

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 2nd of February

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 22nd of January (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 Now on break until the New Year (monthly 2nd 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

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

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.

Special Australian Bushfire Offering

Next Sunday the 25th of January, in our worship, we will have a special offering to assist our brothers and sisters in Australia who are suffering as a result of the fires there.

The monies will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Church of Australia, for them to administer as seems most appropriate for bushfire relief purposes.

It is a great opportunity for us to share in their sufferings, assure them of our love and concern and to continue to strengthen the links between our 2 Churches as we continue to intercede for them and Australia as a whole.

Pastor Pete visiting Briarwood

Pastor Pete and Janet will be in America at the end of February for attending the Briarwood Presbyterian Church Global Missions Conference. This is an opportunity to thank them both personally, for their support of Shore Presbyterian, and corporately for their generous support of Grace Presbyterian Church Planting and Student Ministry. Peter will take opportunity to make brief video testimonies of folk expressing their appreciation for the life of Shore Pres and Briarwood's support. Let him know if you can do that.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 26th 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	Christine Grant & Ingrid Goodenough	Dennis	Dennis, Ian Grant & Paul Goodenough	Dennis, Ian & Paul 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 information 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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