



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 26<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 59:16,17<sup>1</sup>

<sup>16</sup> But I will sing of your strength;

I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

For you have been to me a fortress  
and a refuge in the day of my distress.

<sup>17</sup> O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,  
for you, O God, are my fortress,  
the God who shows me steadfast love.

## **Prayer of adoration and thankfulness**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *Leaning on The Everlasting Arms*

Author: Author: E.A. Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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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.

*Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

### ***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

Author: Horatius Bonar

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I'll walk  
Till traveling days are done.

## **Profession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism 26<sup>3</sup>

**Question** What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

**Answer** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

## **Song of Dependence** *Help My Unbelief*

Authors: John Newton, Cliff Wells

I know the Lord is nigh,  
And would but cannot pray,  
For Satan meets me when I try,  
And frights my soul away.  
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent,  
Though I endeavor oft;  
This stony heart can ne'er relent  
Till Jesus makes it soft.  
Till Jesus make it soft.

*Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.*

*Help my unbelief.*

*My help must come from Thee.*

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<sup>3</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16<sup>th</sup> Century document designed to teach the biblical faith. A Catechism, meaning “oral instruction”, is a helpful means of learning using the method of memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

I would but cannot love,  
Though wooed by love divine;  
No arguments have power to move  
A soul as base as mine.  
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest,  
In God's most holy will;  
I know what He appoints is best,  
And murmur at it still.  
I murmur at it still.

*Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.*

*Help my unbelief.*

*My help must come from Thee. (REPEAT)*

**Prayer for Special Offering to support Australia suffering through bush fires** see notices (p12) for more information

### **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** *Speak O Lord*

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 46 (Church Bible p471) *Chris Burton*

### **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** Psalm 46 *"Facing Fear"*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions, next page

### **INTRODUCTION**



**I. THE REALITY OF FEAR**

**II. GOD IS OUR FORTRESS, verses 1-3**

**III. GOD IS OUR RIVER OF PEACE, verses 4-7**

**IV. GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED, verses 8-11**

**V. THE ASSURANCE THAT IT IS SO, verses 7 and 11**

**CONCLUSION**

## **Closing Song** *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Author: Matt Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity

*In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us*

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin

*See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfilment  
Of the law; in Him we stand*

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory

*See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold*

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

*What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes*

## BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>

### 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 *today*, last Sunday of the month.

#### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

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

#### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 12<sup>th</sup> of February (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)

**Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

#### Youth Ministry

**What** Ministry for our teenagers and their friends for 2020 is commencing! Come for food, fun and fellowship. This years leaders are Steve Bilton and Chris Burton, thank you both so much.

**When** 6:30, Friday 7th of February

**Where** At the Song's house

**Contact** Chris Burton 022 345 4131 or Steve Bilton 022 647 0931

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<sup>4</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.

### 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. ***New Years Kick Off*** in February
- When** From 6:30, 13th of February (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
*BBQ, Bible and Brews at Boyds*
- Where** Pete's place, 15 Summit Drive, 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 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.

### Special Australian Bushfire Offering

Today, 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.

## Steve Bilton's 20 + 20

**What** A day to celebrate Steve's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
**Where** Wenderholm Regional Park for day of fellowship and reflection  
**When** Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February from 10 am through to 6 pm.  
 Arrive and leave whenever works for you, lets aim to do a shared lunch.  
***Please see Steve to RSVP and for more details if you are interested***

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of February – Fellowship Lunch

SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDE N	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Phoebe Cheung & Cathy Tasker	Dennis	Dennis, Callum Boyd & Jonathan Munroe	Dennis, Callum & Jonathan 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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