



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 2ND OF FEBRUARY 2020

**Celebration of the
Lord's Supper**

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 103:1-5¹

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Prayer of adoration and the Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever, Amen.

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Indescribable*

Author: Laura Story

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea

Creation's revealing Your majesty

From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring

Every creature unique in the song that it sings

All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name

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.

*You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

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[INSTRUMENTAL]

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*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God
You are amazing God*

I Love You Lord

Author: Laurie B. Klein

I love you Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship you
Oh my soul rejoice,
Take joy my king
In what you hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In your ears.

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.

Corporate assurance of Grace *The Heidelberg Catechism*³

Question 60 *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil; nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart.

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.

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 8:22-30; 54-61 (Church Bible p289)

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Be Thou My Vision

Author: Dalan Forgaill

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.

³ The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th 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.

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.

Message 1 Kings 1-11 *"King Solomon – wise fool"*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. FULNESS UNDER SOLOMON

A. Wisdom

B. Worship

C. Wealth

II. FAILURE UNDER SOLOMON

A. Idolatrous marriage

B. Idolatrous ambition

C. Idolatrous worship

III. FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD

A. God alone is great

i. Worthy to be praised

ii. Beware the subtle idolatries of the heart

B. God alone is faithful – Jesus greater than Solomon

i. Worship

ii. Wisdom

iii. Wealth

CONCLUSION

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper *Rock of Ages*

Author: Augustus M. Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labour of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

The Lord's Supper *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 16. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*⁴

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 catholic⁵ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

⁴ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

⁵ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

Prayer *Ian Grant*

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Closing Song *Worthy is the Lamb*

Author: Darlene Zschech

Thank you for the cross Lord
Thank you for the price you paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love you came and gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love Lord
Thank you for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in your cleansing flow
Now all I know your forgiveness and embrace

*Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown you now with many crowns
You reign victorious*

*High and lifted up
Jesus, Son of God
Ruler of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
(REPEAT ALL)*

BENEDICTION⁶

⁶ 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.

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

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

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 12th of February (2nd and 4th 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

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 2nd 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 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.

Steve Bilton's 20 + 20

- What** A day to celebrate Steve's 40th birthday!
Where Wenderholm Regional Park for day of fellowship and reflection
When Saturday the 22nd 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.

Gospel-Hearted Leadership Conference

Pukekohe Reformed Church is hosting a free event on Gospel-Hearted Leadership from the 28th Feb – 1st Mar 2020.

Our guest speaker, Dr Murray Capill from the Reformed Theological College, Australia, will speak to us on growing a gospel heart in yourself, your church and the people around you.

This training seminar is for elders with relevance to all ministry leaders and church members. See your leaders for a flyer and more information.

RSVP until 21 February 2020 for catering purposes to Graeme Zuidema 027 499 1683 or graemez@pukekohe.rcnz.org.nz.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 9th of February

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 & Anna Knapp	Dennis	Dennis, Keith Knapp & Oliver Burton	Dennis, Keith & Oliver 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).

Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper

Prayer of uncertainty *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

Prayer for those searching for truth *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

Prayer of belief *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

Prayer of commitment *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

Prayer for those struggling with sin *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

Prayer for the believer *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*

Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest (more 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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