



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 9th OF FEBRUARY 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 Lamentations 3:22-26¹

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Amazing Grace*

Author: John Newton

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.

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

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

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.

Mission Spot Sophia Burton on her year in Japan

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 Assurance *Cornerstone*

Authors: Edward Mote, Reuben Morgan

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name (**REPEAT**)

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, he is Lord
Lord of all. (REPEAT)*

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

These are the days of Elijah

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These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored

And these are the days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call
So, lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zions hill, salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are all white in Your world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard
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Scripture Reading 2 Kings 17:6-20 (Church Bible p323)

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 1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 25 *“Wrath Remembers Mercy”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BIG STORY OF KINGS

II. COVENANT LENS

III. PLACE OF PROPHETS

IV. THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES

A. Patience

B. Wrath

C. Wrath remembers mercy

V. A SHOOT FROM JESSE

A. Faithful Covenant Head

B. Faithful Curse Taker

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *This I Believe*

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting

The all creating one

God Almighty

Through your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father

I believe in Christ the Son

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in one

I believe in the resurrection

That we will rise again

For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender

Suffered and crucified

Forgiveness is in you

Descended into darkness

You rose in glorious life

Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father

I believe in Christ the Son

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in one

I believe in the resurrection

That we will rise again

For I believe in the name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal

I believe in the virgin birth

I believe in the saints' communion

And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection

When Jesus comes again

For I believe, in the name of Jesus

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

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.

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 1st of March

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 12th of February (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), **this week**
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 21st of February

Where TBA

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), **this week 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, let's 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 16th 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 |
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| TBA | Volunteer | Christine Grant & Raquel Burton | Dennis | Dennis, Ian Grant & Chris Burton | Dennis, Ian & Chris 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 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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