



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 23rd 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 Psalm 47¹

²² Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

² For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *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 labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;

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.

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 Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

I cannot tell

William Y. Fullerton 1929

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'ers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethl'hem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor
When He the Savior, Savior of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.

Profession of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed*³

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 catholic⁴ church,
the communion of saints,

³ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

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

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

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 Trust *I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)*

Author: Brian Doerksen

I lift my eyes up, to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, maker of heaven
Creator of the earth (**REPEAT**)

*Oh how I need you Lord
You're my only hope
You're my only prayer
So I will wait for you
To come and rescue me
To come and give me life! (REPEAT ALL)*

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Psalm 23*

Author: Stuart Townend

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil

And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights
And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know
And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

Scripture Reading Psalm 98 (Church Bible p500)

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 Sermon Series - Psalms for everyday life
"Praise, Lament and Thanksgiving"

#1 "Praise"- Psalm 98 - "Orientation"

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

The two great contributions of the Psalms

The three great genres or types of Psalms

Songs of Praise/Orientation; e.g., 19; 47; 92; 96; 103; 105; 111; 113-114; 117; 146-150. Songs of Praise typically celebrate God as Creator and Redeemer.

Songs of Lament/Disorientation; e.g., 3-7; 9-10; 22; 32; 42-44; 51; 60; 88; 94; 102; 137. Songs of Lament are for times when life is not well ordered or orientated.

Songs of Thanksgiving/Reorientation; e.g., 18; 30; 32; 34; 56; 75; 107; 118; 138. Songs of Thanksgiving are the response to the God who is merciful and gracious

I. PRAISE – ORIENTATION Psalm 98

There are three stanza's: vv1-3; vv 4-6 and vv 7-9
Each has different reasons for praise,
Each has different time references,
and there is an expanding, progressive circle of praise.

Verses 1-3

Verses 4-6

Verses 7-9

II. HOW DOES THIS PSALM APPLY TO US?

- Praise him for the salvation he has brought. We look back to his completed work on the cross and his resurrection: Lk 2:11; 19:10; Acts 4:12

- Praise him who is our present King: Jn 1:49; 18:37; Rev 17:14
- Praise him for his future coming judgment - Justice will at last be done: Jn5:22-23 (Rom 2:16); Acts 10:42-43.

Questions for meditation

1. Consider that the Psalms are songs... Discuss the idea that singing can express our relationship with God (e.g Ex 15:1-18; Judges 5; 1Sam 2:1-10).
2. Discuss the purpose of the Psalms and how we can use them today, in the light of the fact that the purpose of the Psalms is not to argue, persuade or convince. Their purpose is to confess a profound faith and love toward God. It is all about the worshipper's relationship with God himself.
3. How can Ps 98 be used to inform the way we respond to Jesus?
4. What is the place of Praise in my/your life at the moment?

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 should 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 sin 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 power, 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

BENEDICTION⁵

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, *next week*

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 11th of March (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)

Please note, the 26th of February is postponed

Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

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.

⁵ 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.

Youth Ministry

- What** Ministry for our teenagers and their friends! Come for food, fun and fellowship. Our leaders are Steve Bilton and Chris Burton.
- When** 6:30, Friday 6th of March
(every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday of the month)
- Where** van Bemmelen's home, 24 Beechwood Road, Rothesay Bay
- 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.
- When** From 6:30, 12th of March (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
- Speaker** Pastor Ian Reid from Grace Presbyterian Palmerston North
- Where** Mangawhai Heads
- When** Friday evening the 20th to Sunday the 22nd of March 2020
- Cost** \$40 per adult for two nights (14 + yrs)
\$25 per child for two nights (3 - 13 yrs)
Children under 3 are free.
Day visitors \$8 per day per person.

It is our desire that no one misses out on this opportunity due to cost, please let your Elder know if you would like to take advantage of funds available to cover camp costs.

More information to come

Pastor Pete visiting Briarwood

Pastor Pete and Janet will be in America over the next 3 Sundays to attend the Briarwood Presbyterian Church Global Missions Conference. This is an opportunity to thank them for their generous support of Shore Presbyterian and of Grace Presbyterian Church Planting and Student Ministry.

Over those three Sundays Ian Grant will preach a Sermon Series on the “Psalms for everyday life - Praise, Lament and Thanksgiving” – from Psalms 98, 69 and 30. Please read them in advance.

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 1st of March – 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	Kare v B and Ariel Wilson	Dennis	Dennis, Tom Wilson & Jesse Song	Dennis, Tom & Jesse 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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