



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 8th OF MARCH 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 116:1-7¹

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- ⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- ⁶ The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise - At The Fountain

Authors: Pacific Crossroads Church

There is healing at the fountain
Come and find it weary soul,
There your sins will all be covered
Jesus waits to make you whole
O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!

There is healing at the fountain
Look to Jesus now and live
At the cross lay all your burdens
All your wanderings He'll forgive

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.

O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!

There is healing at the fountain
Precious fountain filled with blood,
Come o come the Saviour calls you,
Come and plunge beneath this flood.
O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me! (REPEAT)

Mighty To Save

Authors: Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations
Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus (REPEAT)

*Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Corporate prayer of assurance and thanksgiving *Psalm 103*

Leader Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

Leader who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

People **who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Leader The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People **He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

Leader He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**

Leader as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

People As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Leader For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

People As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like flower of the field;

Leader for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

ALL *But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*

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 - 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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word - 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.

Scripture Reading Psalm 30 (Church Bible p461)
Luke 17:11-19 (Church Bible p876)

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”

#2 “Thanksgiving”- Psalm 30 - “Reorientation”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

Thanksgiving - this is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian.

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....”joy comes with the morning” (Psalm 30:5, 11) These Psalms express joy and gratitude to God for deliverance and grace, for redemption, for bringing order and reorientation back into our lives. Christ recited words of thanksgiving (Hebrews 2:12 – Psalm 22:22) and he taught us to be thankful.

I. THANKSGIVING – FOR TIMES OF REORIENTATION Psalm 30

Ps30 has a Title and a simple structure.

Two outbursts of thanksgiving - vv1-5 Rescue and vv11-12 Celebration with a mid-section vv6-10_ a confession of over-confidence in self, a foolish boast and its consequences. Let's consider each section in turn:

- The Title.
- Vv1-5 Thanksgiving for rescue.
- Vv6-10 Confession, boasting and consequences.
- Vv11-12 Thanksgiving in celebration.

II. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS PSALM?

- What can we be thankful for?
- Consider what Jesus has done
- Consider how the NT letters exhort us - e.g., Hebrew 4:14-16 In the face of reality - look to grace and mercy. 1 These 5:16-18 then.....

Questions for meditation

1. Psalm 30 is an honest and powerful example of a personal Thanksgiving. Discuss the purpose of the Thanksgiving - and the validity of expressing thanks today.
2. What is the relationship of our sin with thanksgiving?
3. How can Psalm 30 be used to inform the way we respond to Jesus?

Closing Song - 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.

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

Glenfield Encouragement Group – Tuesdays from 7:30pm. Venue will be around the Glenfield area. Contact Tom 027 7851332 or Ariel 021 0372785 for detail.

More groups commencing soon – details to follow.

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 5th of April

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 11th of March (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! Come for food, fun and fellowship. Our leaders are Steve Bilton and Chris Burton.

When 6:30, Friday 20th of March
(every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday of the month)

Where At Camp (See Family Camp)

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

Coming Up - Youth Group Tramp Friday 3rd April - Sat 4th April.

Staying at Peach Cove Hut @ Bream Head / Whangarei Heads. Numbers are limited. See Steve for more information.

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, 9th of April (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 Afternoon Retreat for all ages

When 29th March

Where TBA

Our guest speaker is Mrs. Anne Camp. Anne is married to Simon, mother of Pricilla, Jonathan and Rubin, Grandmother to Jerard. Anne is an accomplished bible teacher and ministry leader. More information to follow

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. For those who would like to contribute baking or snacks, please fill in the form on the back table. Thank you

Don't forget to collect the information flyer on the back table.

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.

Pastor Pete visiting Briarwood

Pastor Pete and Janet are in America over the next few 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.

In his absence Ian Grant will preach a Sermon Series on the "Psalms for everyday life – Praise (Psalm 98, 23 Feb.), Lament (Psalm 69, 1 Mar.) and Thanksgiving (Psalm 30, 8 Mar.)" – please read them in advance.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 15th of March						
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 & Sophia Burton	Dennis	Dennis, Oliver Burton & Callum Boyd	Dennis, Oliver & Callum 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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