



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 15th 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 13:1-5¹

- ¹ O Lord, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;
² many are saying of my soul,
there is no salvation for him in God.
³ But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
⁴ I cried aloud to the Lord,
and he answered me from his holy hill.
⁵ I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

Author: Charles Crozat Converse | Joseph Medicott Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

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.

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Saviour still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

Jesus Paid It All

Author: Elvina M. Hall

I hear the Saviour say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow. (REPEAT)*

Corporate prayer of assurance and thanksgiving *Psalm 46*

Leader God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.

People **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Leader though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice,
the earth melts.**

Leader The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People **Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought
desolations on the earth.**

Leader He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

ALL ***"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

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 *Before The Throne Of God Above*

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

When Peace Like A River

Author: Horatio Spafford

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (It is well)

With my soul (With my soul)

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well (It is well)

With my soul (With my soul)

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, Oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Oh my soul!

It is well (It is well)

With my soul (With my soul)

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well)

With my soul (With my soul)

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25-34 (Church Bible p812) *Chris B.*

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 (p16) for further information about the offering.

Message Philippians 4:4-7 *“Don’t Panic”*

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. ANXIETY TOO IS A VIRUS

A. Legitimate Anxieties

B. Illegitimate Anxieties

i. Loss of strength

ii. Loss of compassion

iii. Loss of faith

II. TRAGEDY HAS A VOICE

III. CHOOSE FAITH

A. God is more real than our fears

B. Christ is our peace

C. Covenant is our surety

IV. CHOOSE LOVE

A. Compassion

B. Mission

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *Across the Lands*

Authors: Stuart Towned

You're the Word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

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.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-7

1. Talk about the issue of anxiety. How have you struggled with this?
2. What are legitimate anxieties and when do they become illegitimate or unhelpful? Discuss this in the light of COVID-19 and the various effects it has. Think about *loss of strength, loss of compassion, loss of faith, other thoughts ...*
3. What does it mean to say that “tragedy has a voice”? What is God saying through life’s tragedies both great and small. How is it a voice of grace in the midst of darkness?
4. What is the antidote to anxiety in this passage? Think about the reality of God, the love of God in Christ and the surety of his covenant with us. How do these things help us and impact us?
5. Discuss: *“Tribulations are wonderful opportunities to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus”*. How does dealing with anxiety in a Gospel way set us free to be this and what might this look like?

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay/Browns Bay

When Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Where **This week:** van Bemmelen's home
24 Beechwood Road, Rothesay Bay
Contact Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980

Glenfield

When Tuesday, 7:30 pm for drinks and snacks, study: 8:00 – 9:00 pm
Where **This week:** Wilson's home, 159A Sunset Road, Totaravale
Contact Tom 027 785 1332

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

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

Special Training Event

What *“Identity in Christ: Fuel for Loving Well and Defeating Evil”* – for shepherds and those meeting with others one to one and those leading small groups or considering ministry roles in the Body of Christ.

Please preview the seminar booklet on the back table

When Monday the 23rd & Tuesday the 24th – evenings, exact time TBA

Where Grace Theological College, 75 Rogers Road Manurewa

Who Dr. Bob Smart (PhD University of Wales) has been the senior pastor of Christ Church (Bloomington-Normal, IL) for 27 years, and served on staff with the Navigators at Purdue University prior. He has published on Jonathan Edwards and four seasons of Gospel transformation. These books include Jonathan Edwards’s Apologetic for the Great Awakening (Reformation Heritage Books, 2009), Pentecostal Outpourings: Revival in the Reformed Tradition (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2016), and four books on spiritual formation: Embrace Your Identity in Christ: Renouncing Lies and Foolish Strategies; Calling to Christ: Where’s My Place? ; Intentionality for Christ: What’s My Aim?; Legacy from Christ: What’s My Message? (Westbow a Division of Thomas Nelson Press, 2017). Recent books on marriage and family include: Enhancing One Another’s Glory in Christ: Premarital and Marital Counsel; and Willows by Flowing Streams: Raising Children into Gospel Maturity (MN: Lighthouse Pub., 2019 & 2020). Also, one on spiritual warfare entitled, Waging War in an Age of Doubt: A Biblical, Theological, Historical, and Practical Guide for Spiritual Warfare Today (Reformation Heritage, 2019). His efforts in global missions include teaching Missions Perspectives locally and regionally, and equipping pastors in thirty-five nations. Bob and Karen raised five children (now married) and love their fifteen grandchildren.

Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer For Life

What *An urgent call to prayer for the unborn*

When Monday 7:00 pm, 16th of March

Where Northcross Church, 826A East Coast Road, Oteha

Combined Presbytery Service

What An opportunity to share in worship and meet brothers and sisters from the other Auckland Grace Presbyterian Churches.

Speaker Ian Smith – Principal of Christ College in Sydney.
Ian is also lecturer in New Testament and Greek exegesis. He has been on the full-time staff at Christ College since 1995, prior to which he was a missionary with Australian Presbyterian World Mission at Talua Ministry Training Centre in Vanuatu. Ian has also worked as a high school teacher and as the minister of Griffith Presbyterian Church. Ian is married to Jenni and they have four adult children and four grandchildren.

When 7:00 pm, Sunday the 22nd of March

Where Covenant Presbyterian Church, 75 Rogers Road Manurewa

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.

Confident Christianity Course - 2020

What In a culture hostile to its values, many Christians struggle with hard questions about Faith and God. Confident Christianity Conference equips Christians with thoughtful answers to defend faith, navigate culture & reach people.

When Friday Evening 15th May & All Day Saturday 16th May

Where Northcross Church, Oteha, Northshore

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SAVE \$20 - \$60***

And get special prices for Students, Pensioners, Families and Groups.

Super Early Bird Ends End of This Month

More info at <https://conference.thinkingmatters.org.nz/>

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 22nd of March – FAMILY CAMP

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 29th 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	Cathy Tasker & Sharmini Paddick	Dennis	Dennis, Carl & William Paddick	Dennis, Carl & William 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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