



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 22nd 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 93¹

- ¹ The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
- ² Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
- ³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
- ⁴ Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!
- ⁵ Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for evermore.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Arise My Soul Arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

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.

*Arise, arise, arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

*Arise, arise, arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

Here I Am to Worship

Author: Tim Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You
*Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

*Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

*Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
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Altogether wonderful to me*

Scripture Reading Romans 5:6-11 (Church Bible p942)

Corporate Profession of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*³

Question 27 *What do you understand by the providence of God?*

Answer God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

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.

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.

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.

Song of Assurance *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

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Revelation Song

Author: Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Holy, holy is he

Sing a new song to him who sits on

Heaven's mercy seat (**REPEAT**)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my everything and I will adore you

Clothed in rainbows of living colour

Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder

Blessing and honour strength and glory and power be

To you the only wise King

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my everything and I will adore you

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder

At the mention of your name

Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water

Such a marvelous mystery

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my everything and I will adore you (REPEAT)

Scripture Reading Hosea 1:1-9; 3:1-5 (Church Bible p751)

Message Hosea *"The Love of God Revealed"*

Postcards from a Prophet

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions, next page

INTRODUCTION

What does 'love' mean to you?

What price has God paid to reveal his love to sinners? Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8;
1 Jn 4:10

Hosea is a book about love in the face of rebellion and unfaithfulness.

Hosea Chapters 1-3 are instructions to Hosea, his marriage, the children and the consequences of marital unfaithfulness. There is love, betrayal, forsaking, judgment and mercy with hope. Hosea is to first learn about the heart of God before he delivers his message, Hosea Chapters 4-14.

Consider:

I. THE CONTEXT OF THE LOVE STORY

II. HOSEA AND GOMER – THE LOVE STORY

III. GOD'S LOVE STORY AND US

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *Your Love Oh Lord*

Authors: Third Day

Your love, oh Lord

Reaches to the heavens

Your faithfulness stretches to the sky

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains

Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice

To worship You, my King

I will find my strength

In the shadow on Your wings

BENEDICTION⁴

⁴ 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 Hosea 1:1-9; 3:1-5

1. Does the account of Hosea and Gomer cause you any discomfort and can you share the issues as you see them? How can this discomfort / disequilibrium be a learning opportunity for you?
2. Why do you think this prophecy is included in the OT scriptures - what are God's good intentions here?
3. Consider Hosea 3:5 and how this prophecy relate to Acts 2:36-41. (See Romans 9:24-26)
4. If you were asked by a non-christian tomorrow what the Sunday sermon / the encouragement group discussion was about, what could you say that is so creative and imaginative that it might stimulate further conversation rather than end the encounter?
5. How can you talk about and live out the truth of God's Word from Hosea in a creative and imaginative way so that your non-christian neighbours and friends might be intrigued
6. What is the sure hope this passage leave us with and how could this great story be helpful to your non-Christian friend?

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay/Browns Bay

- When** Every Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm,
NB 1. Except for 2nd Thursday of the month when Men's Ministry meets.
NB 2. On the 1st Thursday of each month will start at 6:30 with a shared dinner.
- Where** **This week:** van Bemmelen's home
24 Beechwood Road, Rothesay Bay
- Contact** Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980

Glenfield

- When** Every Tuesday, 7:30 pm for drinks, snacks, chat; study: 8:00–9:30 pm
- Where** **This week:** Seth and Kerin's home
- 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, 25th 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 3rd of April
(every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday of the month)
- Where** At Songs home
- 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. **Next meeting we will be discussing the article "What's the Difference? Manhood and Womanhood defined according to the Bible" by John Piper – please read Chapter 2.** You can find a free copy here:
<https://document.desiringgod.org/what-s-the-difference-en.pdf?ts=1446648554>
- 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

Combined Presbytery Service

Now cancelled!

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

Postponed now until October!

- What** A weekend of fun, fellowship and growth
- Speaker** Pastor Ian Reid from Grace Presbyterian Palmerston North
- Where** Mangawhai Heads
- When** Friday evening the 30th of October to Sunday the 1st of November 2020
- Cost** The monies already paid for camp fees thus far can either be refunded or kept as a prepayment for our camp which is tentatively booked for the 30th October - 1st November. Please speak to Cathy.

Confident Christianity Course - 2020

Postponed until next year!

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 29th of March						
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	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).



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