



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2020**

**Celebration of the  
Lord's Supper**

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 57:1-3, 9-11<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

<sup>2</sup> I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfils his purpose for me.

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! ...

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!

## **Prayer of adoration and the Lord's Prayer**

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,

Forever and ever, Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

## **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** 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

### ***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*

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

*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*

*For I believe in the name of Jesus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

## **Reception into membership**

It is the joy of the Church to welcome Tom and Ariel Wilson into membership today.

## **Testimonies and Membership vows**

- 1.** Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except for His sovereign mercy?
- 2.** Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3.** Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavour to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4.** Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5.** Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and commit yourselves to the purity and peace of the Church?

## **Congregational vow**

Do you as a congregation receive Tom and Ariel in Christian love, and promise, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen and encourage them in their faith, and to live out your union with them in the peace of Christ?

**Answer:** *We do*

## **Welcome by the Elders on behalf of the whole Church**

### **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 preparation for hearing God's Word** There is a hope

Stuart Townend

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day;  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!

Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,

To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold His face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

**Scripture Reading** Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-23; 3:1-8; 4:1-9  
(Church Bible p527)

### **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 (p15) for further information about the offering.

**Message** *Bible Overview Series* Proverbs “*Get Wisdom*”

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions...

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. WHICH TREASURE**

**A. The Treasure of Wisdom**

**B. There is Value in Wisdom**

**C. The Beginning of Wisdom**

**D. The Call of Grace**



## **II. WHO HEARS THE CALL OF GRACE**

**A. The Wise**

**B. The Fool**

**C. The Simpleminded**

## **III. HOW PROVERBS WORKS**

**A. All Embracing**

**B. Proverbs not Promises**

**C. Savouring Slowly**

## **IV. THE KEY TO WISDOM**

**A. Wisdom Personified**

**B. Wisdom Displayed**

## **CONCLUSION**

**The Lord's Supper** *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 16. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

### **Profession of Faith** *The Heidelberg Catechism*<sup>3</sup>

**Question 60** *How are you righteous before God?*

**Answer** Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil; nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart.

**Prayer** *Paul Burton*

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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<sup>3</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Closing Song** *Oh the wonderful Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

*Refrain:*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*

See from his head, his hands, his feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all

*Refrain:*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

## **SUNG BENEDICTION**

Now unto Him  
Who is able to keep,  
Able to keep you from falling.  
And present you faultless  
Before the Presence of His glory,  
With exceeding joy.  
To the only wise God our Saviour  
Be glory and majesty,  
Dominion and power,  
Both now and forever,  
Amen.

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

**Scripture Reading** Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-23; 3:1-8; 4:1-9

1. What do you think of the Book of Proverbs? Do you love it? Do you struggle with it? Have you read any of it? What is important about 4:7,8?
2. Share one of your favourite Proverbs and why you appreciate it?
3. The Gospel Transformation Study Bible says, “The Book of Proverbs is an outpouring of grace from God. Again and again, the author appeals to the reader as his dear “son” [e.g. 1:8] ... We may therefore study proverbs not to earn a sonship still out of reach but to bear witness to a sonship already given.” Do you find this helpful in opening up the Book? If this is a correct statement, then what is the Book teaching us and inviting us into?
4. Think about the two voices calling, see 8:1,2 and 9:13-15. How do we hear these two voices calling in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? In Proverbs what are the different ways to respond to those voices? What is the value of the wise response?
5. What are the issues of life that Proverbs addresses? How do the Proverbs work, particularly from chapters 10 through to 22:16. How are we to read and gain from them? Have a go at explaining 26:4,5.
6. How is Jesus Christ the key to wisdom? What is the relationship between Christ, the Book of Proverbs and growing in godliness? Here are some Scriptures - Isaiah 11:2; Matthew 4:2; Colossians 2:2,3; Luke 24:27,44 and 1 Corinthians 1:20-25.

## NOTICES

### Encouragement Groups

#### Torbay/Browns Bay

**When** Every Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm,  
**Where** **Check with the contact person!**  
**Contact** Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980

#### Glenfield

**When** Every Tuesday, 8:00–9:30 pm  
**Where** **Check with the contact person!**

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 5<sup>th</sup> of July, **today**

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 8<sup>th</sup> of July (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month), **this week**  
**Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### 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 July (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Youth Group

**When** 7:00 pm (Fridays: every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of the month)  
*Fun and Dessert and Discussion*  
**Where** **TBA**  
**Contact** Steve Bilton 022 647 0931 or Chris Burton 022 345 4131

<b>Serving Roster for next Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July</b>						
<b>SHORE KID'S LEADER</b>	<b>CRECHE</b>	<b>KITCHEN &amp; MORNING TEA</b>	<b>OPEN UP &amp; FIRE WARDEN</b>	<b>HALL SET-UP</b>	<b>HALL TAKE DOWN &amp; CLEAN UP</b>	<b>SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Janet and Ariel</b>	<b>Dennis</b>	<b>Dennis, Tom and Malcolm</b>	<b>Dennis, Tom, Malcolm &amp; Volunteers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>

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***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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker ([cathytasker@gmail.com](mailto:cathytasker@gmail.com)).

## **Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper**

**Prayer of uncertainty** *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

**Prayer for those searching for truth** *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

**Prayer of belief** *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

**Prayer of commitment** *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

**Prayer for those struggling with sin** *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

**Prayer for the believer** *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*



## **Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest** (more available on the website: [shorepres.org.nz](http://shorepres.org.nz))

**We seek 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 seek 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 seek 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 seek 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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