



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 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 31:1-5<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!
- <sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!
- <sup>3</sup> For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
- <sup>4</sup> you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

## **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder*

Authors: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Saviour's name  
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has brought us nigh to God.*

Let us love the Lord who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by his grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He has washed us with his blood*  
*He presents our souls to God.*

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

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

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown

*He, Who washed us with his blood  
He, Who washed us with his blood  
He, Who washed us with his blood  
Soon will bring us home to God.*

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more

*He, Who washed us with his blood  
He, Who washed us with his blood  
He, Who washed us with his blood  
Has secured our way to God.*

### ***See What A Morning***

Authors: Kieth & Kristin Getty

See, what a morning, gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen"

*See God's salvation plan  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ, the man  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again

*The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

One with the Father, Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority  
*And we are raised with Him*  
*Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered*  
*And we shall reign with Him*  
*For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead*

### **Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving** *Psalm 145:1-13*

**Leader:** I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name  
for ever and ever.

**People:** **Every day I will bless you and praise your name for  
ever and ever.**

**Leader:** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his  
greatness is unsearchable.

**People:** **One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

**Leader:** On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your  
wondrous works, I will meditate.

**People:** **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

**Leader:** They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant  
goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**People:** **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love.**

**Leader:** The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he  
has made.

**ALL:** ***All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all  
your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory  
of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known  
to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the  
glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an  
everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures  
throughout all generations. Amen!***

## **Profession of Faith** *The Apostle's Creed*<sup>3</sup>

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 catholic<sup>4</sup> church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Ministry Moment** Youth Ministry

Steve Bilton, Chris Burton and Callum Boyd

## **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.

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

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

## **Song of Praise** 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.

## **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word**

### *May The Mind Of Christ*

Authors: Kate B. Wilkinson

May the mind of Christ, my Saviour,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and pow'r controlling  
All I do and say.



May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.

**Scripture Reading** Song of Solomon 1:1-10; 8:4-7  
(Church Bible p560)

### **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** *Bible Overview Series 24* Song of Songs “*Twue Wove*”

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

### **INTRODUCTION – PATTERN OF A LOVE POEM**

#### **I. PLANNED LOVE**

#### **II. POTENTIAL LOVE**

#### **III. PURE LOVE**

#### IV. POWERFUL LOVE

#### V. PROBLEM LOVE

#### VI. POINTERS TO THE LOVE OF LOVES

### **Closing Song** *Satisfied*

Author: Clara T. Wilson

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**

### **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

**Scripture Reading**     Song of Solomon 1:1-10; 8:4-7

1. Does the Song of Solomon seem problematic to you? If so, how? Does it have a place in the Bible? What is that place? What is its value?
2. How does the book reference God's good plan for marital love? What is the value of the book's very open expression of sexuality and how has the church often failed to give direction for us to navigate that world and what have been the repercussions?
3. Think about how the writer is quite explicit yet never descends to crudeness. How does the writer affirm the legitimate place for sexual expression? What is that place? What is the purpose of this repetition in 2:7; 3:5 and 8:4?
4. What are the ways we experience brokenness in God's plan for sexuality, love and marriage? How does this Book also point to the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ to bring healing, hope and help? Consider the grace revealed in 1:6 and 8.
5. How does this very human love poem also illustrate something of the love between Christ and us, His people? How does He love us, His bride, and how should we love Him?

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<sup>5</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.

## NOTICES

### Encouragement Groups

#### Glenfield

**When** Every Tuesday, 7:30–9:00 pm  
**Where** **Check with the contact person!**  
**Contact** Tom Wilson 027 785 1332

#### 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

### Fellowship Lunch

**What** Opportunity after Sunday worship to share together over lunch at the Boyd's home. *Come and bring food to share.*  
**When** Last Sunday of the month, next is 26<sup>th</sup> of July, **next week**  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 2<sup>nd</sup> of August

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 22<sup>nd</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, 13th of August (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 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

## Women's ministry

**What** Ladies Coffee and Catch Up  
 An opportunity to have a good catch up, strengthen relationships, be encouraged and supported as we do life together 😊. It will be great if you can make it.

**When** 11:00 am, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of August

**Where** A'ruma Cafe, Long Bay ☕

**Contact** *Please RSVP by* 1<sup>st</sup> of August to Sharmini so she can let Carol@Aruma know the numbers 👯

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July

| 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 | Karen van B and Amy Munroe | Dennis                | Dennis, Carl & William Paddick | Dennis, Carl, William & 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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker ([cathytasker@gmail.com](mailto:cathytasker@gmail.com)).

## **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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