



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 9th OF AUGUST 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 115:1-11¹

¹ Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

² Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”

³ Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.

⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.

⁶ They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.

⁷ They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.

⁸ Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.

⁹ O Israel, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

¹¹ You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Jesus Paid It All*

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

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

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.

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.*

Blessed Be Your Name

Author: Matt Redman

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be your name
Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be your name
Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be your name (**REPEAT**)

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name (**REPEAT**)*

Scripture Reading Daniel 4:34-35

³⁴ At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honoured him who lives for ever,

for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand
or say to him, "What have you done?"

Corporate Scripture of Praise Psalm 148

Leader Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People *Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!*

Leader Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

People *Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.*

Leader And he established them for ever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

People *Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!*

Leader Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People *Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!*

Leader Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

ALL *Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the Lord!*

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 Praise *He Is Exalted*

Author: Twila Paris

He is exalted the King is exalted on high
I will praise him,
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise his name

*He is the Lord,
Forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth,
Rejoice in his holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high (REPEAT)*

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Speak O Lord*

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 2:1-10 (Church Bible p398) *Carl*

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 Nehemiah 2:1-10 *"How Great is our God"*

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

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD'S AWESOME POWER FOR HIS GLORIOUS PURPOSE

A. Like Streams of Water

B. When the Time had Fully Come

II. ENCOURAGEMENTS TO TRUST AND PRAY

A. In the Mystery of your Life

B. For the Sake of His Church

C. To Save to the Uttermost

D. For Holiness and Fruit

E. That Thing for Which you Pray

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *Near the Cross*

Author: Fannie Crosby

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Shed his beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

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 Nehemiah 2:1-10; Psalm 115:1-11; Daniel 4:34,35

1. What are all the ways that God's sovereign power is displayed in this section? What is the purpose for the display of His power here? How is He fulfilling His covenant promises?
2. Think about Psalm 115:1-11. How is God's invisibility an evidence of His greatness? What is the comfort this Psalm gives to us that the idols cannot?
3. How does God's awesome sovereign power help and encourage you in these areas?
 - a. The mysteries of who I am, and where I live and what I do with my life.
 - b. How God rules history for the sake of His church. See Ephesians 1:22 (optional, Psalm 2).
 - c. How he is able to save us to the uttermost no matter how sinful and broken we are. See Hebrews 7:25.
 - d. That His power provides everything in Christ that we need for growth in holiness and for bearing fruit. See Ephesians 1:19-21; Romans 8:31-32 and 2 Peter 1:3.
 - e. Finally, what are some things you pray for but find that you can lose heart in persisting in prayer, and how does this study of God's sovereign power encourage you not to lose heart in praying?

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 30th of August
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 6th of September

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 12th of August (2nd and 4th 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 2nd 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

- What** *Fun and Dessert and Discussion.*
Next Discussion: “Soul”, Chapter 2 - Identity
- When** 7:00 pm, 21st of August (every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday)
- Where** van Bemmelen’s home
- Contact** Steve Bilton 022 647 0931 or Chris Burton 022 345 4131

Women’s ministry

- What** Mid-Winter Christmas Celebration
- When** 5:30 pm, Saturday 29th of August
- Where** Boyd’s home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** ***Please RSVP by*** 22nd of August to Sharmini 021 056 4024
There is also a Menu Planner on the table for you to write what you would like to bring, so that we can enjoy a variety of food.

Food Bank

Just a reminder of this ongoing opportunity to help with community needs, post-Covid19, by donating food products for the Long Bay Baptist Church Food Bank. Add the words “food bank” to your Shopping List and when you have a bit of a supply saved up, let Cathy Tasker know (021 0255 8854). Here are some staples most needed: Breakfast cereals, porridge; Tins-baked beans, vegetables, tomatoes, fruit; Meal in a can-soups, Big Eat; Pasta – Rice; Noodles – dried & instant; Sauces – tin/jar, pasta sauces, gravy,/sauces sachets; Biscuits, crackers, muesli bars; UHT milk, milk powder; Tea bags; Instant coffee; Toothpaste; Toilet rolls; Soup.

Youth Camp

- What** Youth Camp for Years 5 to 8
- When** Friday 18 September to Sunday 20 September
- Where** Ngaruawahia

See Fliers on back table

Creation Ministries International Speaker

Just a heads up that November the 15th will be a special service, mainly given over to hearing from Mark James who will give encouragements on believing the creation accounts in Genesis so that we are confident to believe the whole Bible and share its truth with our friends.

Mark this in your diaries.

This is a great opportunity to invite others to come and hear and be encouraged and challenged.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 16th of August

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 and Ariel Wilson	Dennis	Dennis, Tom Wilson & Malcolm Tasker	Dennis, Tom, Malcolm & 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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