



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 16th 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 77:7-15¹

- ⁷ “Will the Lord spurn for ever,
and never again be favourable?
⁸ Has his steadfast love for ever ceased?
Are his promises at an end for all time?
⁹ Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?”
¹⁰ Then I said, “I will appeal to this,
to the years of the right hand of the Most High.”
¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
¹² I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.
¹³ Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?
¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
¹⁵ You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Author: St. Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,

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.

O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.***

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.

Special Corporate Prayer during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We worship you Heavenly Father as the Lord of Heaven and earth,

We praise and honour You who lives for ever,
for Your dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and Your kingdom endures from generation to generation;
all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and You do according to Your will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay Your hand
or say to You, “What have you done?”⁴

Lord give us each grace to trust you at this time,

knowing that you are as near to us your children as our own
breath and that you have loved us with an everlasting love; so
that nothing happens outside of your plan and purpose for us.

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.

⁴ Daniel 4:34,35

Lord you are mighty, and you are good. You are gracious, loving and merciful. Show your mercy.

Please find a cure for this virus in a way that glorifies your gracious Name.

Give wisdom and strength to all the doctors, nurses, health staff and other essential services. Keep them safe and grant them support.

Lord deal tenderly with those who are grieving.

Provide comfort and care for the anxious, for those stuck in strange places, for those isolated and alone, for the homeless and for families already poor, stressed and prone to greater levels of dysfunction.

Give peace and hope to those whose livelihoods and futures are affected.

Pour out your kindness on the nations that are suffering the most.

We intercede for our own nation.

Thank you for our government. Grant them continued strength, wisdom and provision to lead us through.

Help us as a people to love and serve one another well.

Above all, awaken us as a nation to spiritual realities, to repent of our sins, to learn to call upon your name again and find you near.

Show your greatest mercy, by sending your Holy Spirit to awaken New Zealand and all the nations of the world to the reality of life and death and the free offer of everlasting life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray for your beloved people.

Cause us to grow deeper roots into Christ who is our life.

To find Him again to be our all in all when all else can be taken away.

Teach us to use our time wisely so that we might know You more in all your glory and grace.

The Lord is with us, blessed be the name of the Lord, through Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Please feel free to send a text through to Malcom on 021 441 594

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 Trust and Assurance *Rock of Ages*

Author: Augustus M. Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 2:9-20 (Church Bible p398) Paul 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 (p15) for further information about the offering.

Message Nehemiah 2:9-20 *“I Love Thy Kingdom Lord”*

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

INTRODUCTION

- I. **WHAT MATTERS, WHAT MOVES US, verse 17a**

- II. **RISE UP AND BUILD, verse 17b**

- III. **OPPOSITION WILL ALWAYS BE THERE, verses 9,10 and 19,20**

- IV. **ENCOURAGED BY THE STORIES OF GRACE, verse 18**

CONCLUSION, - the right choice, verse 20

Closing Song *Leaning on The Everlasting Arms*

Author: Author: E.A. Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

BENEDICTION⁵

⁵ 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 2:9-20

1. **Verse 17a.** What are the things that matter and move us? Why should the Church of Jesus Christ matter and move us? What is the Church and how do you see its cause in our world right now?
2. **Verse 17b.** If the cause of Christ and His Church matters, what are the ways each of us can “rise up and build”? Consider how, according to the priesthood of all believers, we all have a vital role to play. Think too about those who are not yet in His Church.
3. **Verses 9,10 and 19,20.** Why is there always opposition to the cause of Christ? Why is it important to recognise it but also equally important not to be defeated by it?
4. **Verse 18.** How do the stories of grace from the past encourage us to keep on serving Christ and His Church? Think about the importance of “remembering” from Psalm 77:7-11. How is the Gospel the greatest story of grace and why is it important to remember it every day?
5. What “story of grace” can you share from your own life to encourage the others in your group “that no matter what happens in the world – being in Christ and in His Church and giving our lives for his cause is the eternally right choice (verse 20)”?

A Hymn for your Encouragement I love Thy kingdom, Lord

Timothy Dwight, *Psalms of David*, 1800. This is believed to be the oldest hymn by an American still in common use.

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The church our blessed Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God.
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And written on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

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, 26th of August (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
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, 10th of September (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

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), **this week**
- Where** van Bemmelen’s home, or check with leaders
- 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.

Baby Shower

- What** *“Come and Celebrate Tom and Ariel’s Baby Shower”*
- When** Saturday 12th of September 2.30pm-4.00pm
- Where** Karen and Dennis’s home 24, Beechwood Road, Torbay
Please bring a plate to share.
- Everyone is invited to join in with this wonderful celebration.

RSVP By the 5th of September to Sharmini 021 056 4024

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, or ask Pete to email you one.

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 23rd of August – now online!

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	Lydia Song and Raquel Burton	Dennis	Dennis, Chris Burton & Steve Bilton	Dennis, Chris, Steve & 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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