



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 13th OF SEPTEMBER 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 57:1-3, 9-11¹

¹ 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.

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

³ 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! ...

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

¹⁰ For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

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

Song of Adoration² & Praise *Lord, I lift Your name on high*

Author: Rick Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from Heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

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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.

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Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-12 (Church Bible p401)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have not done those things
which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.

But You, O Lord are merciful. Forgive us, O Lord,
as we confess our faults.

Restore us as we repent,
according to Your promises
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Professing Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*³

Question 1 ***What is your only comfort in life and death?***

Answer That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Apostle's Creed⁴

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,

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

the holy catholic⁵ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Please feel free to send a text through to Peter on 021 0367 957 or signal on the Zoom meeting

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 *I Cannot Tell*

William Y. Fullerton 1929

I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

⁵ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor
When He the Savior, Savior of the world is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world is king!

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 5:1-13 Paul Burton
Nehemiah 5:14-19 Dennis van Bemmelen

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 (p14) for further information about the offering.

Message Nehemiah 5 *“The Enemy Within”*

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

INTRODUCTION

I. A SERVANT PEOPLE, verses 1-13

A. Satanic Attack

B. United we Stand

C. Fearing God

D. The Solution

II. A SERVANT LEADER, verses 14-19

III. THE SERVANT KING

A. Jesus Commands Love

B. Jesus Shows Love

C. Jesus Enables Love

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *Make me a captive Lord*

Words by George Matheson 1890

Make me a captive, Lord,
and then I shall be free.
Force me to render up my sword,
and I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms
when by myself I stand;
Imprison me within Thine arms,
and strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
it varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move
till Thou has wrought its chain;
Enslave it with Thy matchless love,
and deathless it shall reign.

My power is faint and low
till I have learned to serve;
It lacks the needed fire to glow,
it lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world
until itself be driven;
Its flag can only be unfurled
when Thou shalt breathe from heaven.

My will is not my own
till Thou hast made it Thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne,
it must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent
amid the clashing strife,
When on Thy bosom it has leant,
and found in Thee its life.

BENEDICTION⁶

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 5, Leviticus 25:35-43, 1 John 4:7-12

1. In Nehemiah chapter 4 the work was challenged by external threats, now in chapter 5, the threat is from within. What is behind this? What is the impact of internal breakdown? How does this speak to us of spiritual warfare in the Church?
2. Read Leviticus 25:35-43. How does this passage reflect the beauty of God's design for His people? How does it show the outworking of neighbour love? In Galatians 2:10 Paul is reminded to "remember the poor". How do we neglect the poor today and how and why should we "remember" them?
3. How does Nehemiah show "servant-leadership" – see especially verses 6-7 and 14-19? What particularly motivates him? What can we learn from him about the nature of biblical leadership?
4. How is Nehemiah like Christ and how is he not like Christ?
5. Think of the ways Christ leads and enables us to practise love and unity in the church and how this can impact the world for Christ?

⁶ 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.

Food for Thought

“If you woke up this morning with more health than illness

... then you are more blessed than the million people who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the agony of imprisonment or torture, or the horrible pangs of starvation

... then you are ahead of 500 million people alive and suffering.

If you can attend any meeting you want—political, religious, social

... then you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep

... then you are richer than 75% of the world.

If you have money in the bank, your wallet, and some spare change

... then you are among the top 8% of the world’s wealthy.

If you can read this message

... you are more fortunate than billions in the world who cannot read it at all.”

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

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 4th of October

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 23rd of September (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)

Where Boyd's place, 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, 8th of October (monthly 2nd Thursday)
BBQ, Bible and Brews at Boyds

Where Boyd'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 3 - Cross

When 7:00 pm, 18th of September (every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday)

Where Burton's home, or check with leaders

Contact Steve Bilton 022 647 0931 or Chris Burton 022 345 4131

Women's ministry

What *"Let's Bloom Again"* Shore Pres Ladies Celebration

Ladies, we will have a time of sharing something that you found really encouraging that kept you going during the lock down.

When 5:30 pm, Saturday 17th of October

Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Contact ***Please RSVP by*** 10th of October to Sharmini 021 056 4024

Please bring a plate to share. Let's make the plate to include something with spring seasonal foods, e.g. asparagus, tomatoes, strawberries.

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 3rd of October 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 27th 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 20th of September						
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	Janet Boyd and Ingrid Goodenough	Dennis	Dennis, Jonathan Munroe & Paul Goodenough	Dennis, Jonathan, Paul & 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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