



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 20th 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 73:23-28¹

²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterwards you will receive me to glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Approach

Songs of Adoration² & 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)*

Blessed Be Your Name

Author: Matt Redman

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow

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.

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)***

Corporate Scripture Reading Psalm 77:1-15

Leader I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, and he will hear me.
In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.
When I remember God, I moan;
when I meditate, my spirit faints.
You hold my eyelids open;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
I consider the days of old,
the years long ago.
I said, "Let me remember my song in the night;
let me meditate in my heart."
Then my spirit made a diligent search:

People *Will the Lord spurn for ever,
and never again be favourable?*

Leader Has his steadfast love for ever ceased?
Are his promises at an end for all time?

People *Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"*

Leader Then I said, "I will appeal to this,
to the years of the right hand of the Most High."

People *I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.*

Leader I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.

All ***Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.***

Professing Faith The Apostle's Creed³

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 catholic⁴ 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.

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

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

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 6:1-9 Carl Paddick

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 6:1-4 *“The Determination of the Disciple”*

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

INTRODUCTION

I. NEHEMIAH’S DETERMINATION

II. GOD’S DETERMINATION

...The Power of Remembering...

III. CHRIST’S DETERMINATION

IV. SATAN’S DETERMINATION

CONCLUSION YOUR DETERMINATION

A. Know Christ

B. Know the work He calls you to

C. Walk with Him

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.*

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 6: 1-4, Psalm 77:1-15, Hebrews 12:1-3

1. **Read Nehemiah 6:1-4.** As the whole wall is nearly complete (except for the doors), Satan appears to use a strategy of distraction. Why was the enemy so threatened? What are the works that we are called to in Christ's service and how might Satan distract us from our discipleship?
2. What motivates Nehemiah to respond in the way that he does in verse 3 and how does it challenge and encourage us?
3. **Read Psalm 77:1-15.** Our *determination* to persist in faith and obedience is grounded in *God's determination* to fulfil His purposes. Are there times when you struggle to see that God is at work fulfilling His purposes? Explain. How does that impact your determination to be a faithful disciple?
4. **See especially Psalm 77:11.** In those times of uncertainty what role does memory play? What are the great things we need to remember? What are the ways we help each other remember? Consider: *"Remembering the past gives an anchor for the present as the faithful wait for the future".*⁶
5. **Read Hebrews 12:1-3.** Consider how Christ again is one greater than Nehemiah. Discuss how through His ministry on earth He displayed a profound determination. Why did He? What was His purpose?
6. What are the areas in which you need a new determination to be a faithful disciple of Christ? How does Nehemiah inspire you? How can Christ Himself help you in a way Nehemiah cannot? How can we help each other?

⁶ James Bruckner, The NIV Application Commentary: *Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan), 2004, page 261

Food for Thought

A Song of Nehemiah

Based on Nehemiah 6:1-4

So now I sweat upon these walls,
So too, the Church's enemy calls!

"Come let us talk in Ono's plain"
Those wily words, they come again,

"Come down, let's talk, and leave the work"
"Oh no!", I said, "I cannot go!"

*"Oh no!", I said, "I have a call!
And from its claims I cannot fall."*

And so it is, that to this day
The Devil comes again to say,

"Come down, let's talk, and leave the work"
"Oh no!", you say, "I cannot go!"

*"Oh no!", you say, "I have a call!
And from its claims I cannot fall."*

For Jesus Christ upon that tree,
He gave His blood to rescue me,

My Lord and Saviour He is still,
For me to serve, this is His will!

*"Oh no!", you say, "I have a call!
And from its claims I shall not fall."*

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 Sep. (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), **this week**
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

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 27th of September.
Postponed this time as the Boyd's will be travelling to Tauranga for the Opening Service of the new Grace Presbyterian Church Plant
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

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.*
Social Event

When 7:00 pm, 25th of September (every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday)

Where **TBA**

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

Church Camp - postponed

The elders met this last week and felt that, given the uncertainty of the times it would be wiser to postpone our Church Family Camp. On the positive side we have already been able to re-book the campsite at Mangawhai Heads for the weekend of the 5th to the 7th of March 2021. Lord willing we will be able to go ahead with this and kickstart a New Year or life, worship and ministry together.

Shore Pres Annual General Meeting

What Our Annual Meeting, particularly to see and confirm the Church Budget for 2020/2021. This will be available by next Sunday. Church Members can vote on the Budget or any other matters, but all are encouraged to attend and share in the life of the Church as we give thanks for His care in the past and look to Him for our future.

When After morning worship, 4th of October

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

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 27th 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	Lydia Song and Raquel Burton	Dennis	Dennis, Chris Burton & Song Family	Dennis, Chris, Songs & 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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