



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 27th 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 27:1-5¹

- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to enquire[c] in his temple.
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Come Behold*

Author: Matt Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
*In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come*

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.

*Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us*

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

*See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfilment
Of the law; in Him we stand*

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

*See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold*

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

*What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes*

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson 1830-1904

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.

O the vast, the boundless treasure,
Of my Lord's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer³;
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood;

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed I'll be in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

³ Ebenezer is a name meaning "stone of help" and refers to a stone that was set up by the Israelites to remember a victory over the Philistines by God's help, when previously they had suffered defeat, see 1 Samuel 7:12. The memorial stone represented God's merciful help to His people; it also therefore represents a fresh beginning, a reversal of course for God's people. It also says something important about God's commitment to His redeemed people: His mercies are everlasting; his covenant is forever. As we sing these words it says the same for us. We remember that God has shown us His mercies and faithfulness and so we are strengthened and encouraged to continue to walk by faith in Him and His grace as we go into the unknown future.

Professing Faith Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
Amen.

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 Assurance *In Christ Alone*

Authors: Keith & Kristin Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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

Author: Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty,
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming,

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name,
You are amazing God.
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom,

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name,
You are amazing God.
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God, you are amazing God.*

*Indescribable uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name,
You are amazing God.
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same
You are amazing God,
You are amazing God.*

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 6 (Church Bible p401) Steve Bilton

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 *“Fear not Fear”*

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

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SATANIC STRATEGY

A. Fear of Treason

B. Fear of Death

C. Leaders as Targets

II. THE POWER OF FEAR

III. ANSWERING FEAR

A. The Antidote to Fear

B. The Fear of God

IV. EXAMPLES OF GODLY FEAR

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.*

BENEDICTION⁴

⁴ 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 Readings Nehemiah 6; Isaiah 8:11-14a; 1 Peter 3:14-15a;
1 John 4:17-18

1. Consider the Devil's tactic of fear in this chapter. What are the enemies trying to make Nehemiah and the people afraid of? How effective is fear? What are the things we can be afraid of and how can they disable us as Christians?
2. As Satan seeks to disable Nehemiah for ultimate impact, what can be the wider impacts from Satan disabling you in Christian life and service?
3. What is the healthy fear that Nehemiah has which becomes an effective antidote for disabling fear? Think of the example of other characters in the Bible and how they were used of God.
4. Discuss - "One of the key strategies of faith is to tackle fear not by belittling the fear or wishing it away but by taking our eyes off that which makes us afraid and looking to God" (*Gospel Transformation Bible*). Think about the occasion when Peter walked with Christ on the water. In your own life how have you seen your eyes fixed on the object of fear rather than on God?
5. What is the fear of God? What does it look like and how does it work itself out in our lives? Think about 1 John 4:17,18 and what a right and healthy fear is?
6. Think about verse 9. What is Nehemiah asking? How does this help us in understanding that the fear of God is not of a distant God but a God of grace who is near to help us be and do what he calls us to be and do?
7. What are some ways that you can grow in a healthy and fruitful fear of God?

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, *next week*

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 14th of Oct. (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
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 25th of October.

Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Also please note: during worship that Sunday Pastor Amjad Khan of Grace to Pakistan will be sharing with us in the worship service.

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 pm, 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.*
Coming up this week: Social Event
- When** 7:00 pm, 2nd of October (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. Copies available today. 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 4th of October – Fellowship Lunch						
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	Ariel Wilson and Tania Petreceli	Dennis	Dennis, Joao Petreceli & Steve Bilton	Dennis, Joao, 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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