



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OF OCTOBER 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 119:89-93<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>89</sup> For ever, O Lord, your word  
is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- <sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness endures to all generations;  
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- <sup>91</sup> By your appointment they stand this day,  
for all things are your servants.
- <sup>92</sup> If your law had not been my delight,  
I would have perished in my affliction.
- <sup>93</sup> I will never forget your precepts,  
for by them you have given me life.

## **Prayer of adoration, confession and approach**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *Across the Lands*

Authors: Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father,  
From before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory,  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

<sup>2</sup> Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

With a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

## **Turn Your Eyes**

by Sovereign Grace Music

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the Lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the heavens  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,  
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

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Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

### **Time of Confession and Repentance** Psalm 32:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord",  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## **Corporate Assurance of Grace** Romans 8:31-39

**Leader** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**People** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**Leader** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

**People** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**Leader** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**People** As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

**Leader** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**ALL** - *for I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## **Song of Gracious Assurance** *There is a Redeemer*

Authors: Keith Green

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Oh, for sinners slain.

*Thank you oh my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit,  
'Til the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever,  
In that holy place.

*Thank you oh my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit,  
'Til the work on earth is done.*

## **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 preparation for hearing God's Word** *Satisfied*

Author: Clara T. Wilson

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.



*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!  
The one my soul so long had craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved.*

**Scripture Reading** Nehemiah 8:1-12 (Church Bible p403)

### **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 8:1-12 *“Being Re-made”*

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **A. Significance of the Word of God**

**B. With Understanding, verses 7, 8 and 12**

**C. With Unity, verses 2b-3**

**II. WHAT THE WORD OF GOD DOES**

**A. Creates Worship, verse 6**

**B. It Unmakes Us, verse 9**

**C. To Remake Us, verse 10**

**CONCLUSION**

## **Closing Song** *You Alone Can Rescue*

Author: Matt Redman

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves,  
Their own sin could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your Grace is deeper still

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You, oh Lord, have made a way  
The great divide You heal  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still  
Yes, your love goes further still

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise  
To You alone belongs the highest praise  
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

**Bridge**     *We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes  
You're the Giver of Life  
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes  
You're the Giver of Life (repeat)*

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise  
To You alone belongs the highest praise  
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</sup> 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 8:1-12

1. Even after the momentous finishing of the wall there was more work to be done; “it was to bring into being, with God’s help, **a truly godly** (emphasis added), adult, mature Jewish community in the ‘holy city’ “. (J. I. Packer). Why was the reading of God’s Law so central to that? What is “the Book of the Law of Moses” (verse 1) actually referring to?
2. What makes the Bible so uniquely life transforming? Consider, in knowing someone else, the difference between imagination, biography and autobiography.
3. Of central importance to them being exposed to the life transforming power of God’s Word was the understanding of it. Why is that important? How today can we continue to understand it and be transformed by it?
4. Nehemiah 8:2-3 mention “all/those who could understand”. What are your thoughts on children being part of the hearing of God’s Word?
5. How does God’s Word both “unmake” and “remake” us? How is the Bible’s unmaking and remaking so different to the worlds? Who really remakes us and what is the cost? How can we experience that spiritual renewal more and how can we bring others into that same experience?

## 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 1<sup>st</sup> of November

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 14<sup>th</sup> of Oct. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Youth Group

**What** *Fun and Dessert and Discussion.*  
**When** 7:00 pm, 16<sup>th</sup> of October (every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday)  
**Where** **TBA**  
**Contact** Steve Bilton 022 647 0931 or Chris Burton 022 345 4131

## 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, 12th of November (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> of October, **this week**
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** ***Please RSVP by*** 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Baptisms

In the next couple of weeks we are celebrating and giving praise for God's grace with two baptisms.

1. Next Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October we celebrate the Profession of Faith and Baptism of Daniel and Mia. We will receive them into membership during the worship service and then relocate to Waiake Beach by 12:30 for the Baptism followed by a picnic.
2. On the following Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, we continue to celebrate as we recognise and celebrate Warrick Munroe, baby son of Jonathan and Leah, and brother to Eliana, as a non-communing member of the church with Baptism.

## Creation Ministries International Speaker

### Why won't they listen?

Have you wondered why your witnessing falls flat and people fail to respond? Many comment that science has disproved the Bible and therefore it is not relevant to today's modern world. But what's the answer? Can the majority of scientists really be wrong?

Discover the answers with **Mark James** when he brings his powerful message ***Science and the Bible: Conflict or Confirmation?*** at 10.00am on Sunday 15 November 2020.

*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 18<sup>th</sup> of October

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

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#### ***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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker ([cathytasker@gmail.com](mailto:cathytasker@gmail.com)).



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