



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OF NOVEMBER 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 89:1-7<sup>1</sup>**

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for ever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness  
to all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up for ever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”
- <sup>3</sup> You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:
- <sup>4</sup> ‘I will establish your offspring for ever,  
and build your throne for all generations.’”
- <sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- <sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
- <sup>7</sup> a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around him?

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

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *Arise My Soul Arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise  
Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
In my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;

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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.

His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*Arise, arise, arise,*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Arise, arise, arise,*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

*Arise, arise, arise,*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Arise, arise, arise,*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

### ***Come Thou Fount***

Author: Robert Robinson

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.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>;  
Hither by Thy help I'm 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,<sup>4</sup>  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then 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.

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

## **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*<sup>4</sup>

**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.

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<sup>4</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

**Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 1:1-9 (Church Bible p1014)

## **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.

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

### *Help My Unbelief*

Authors: John Newton, Cliff Wells

I know the Lord is nigh,  
And would but cannot pray,  
For Satan meets me when I try,  
And frights my soul away.  
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent,  
Though I endeavor oft;  
This stony heart can ne'er relent  
Till Jesus makes it soft.  
Till Jesus make it soft.

*Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.*

*Help my unbelief.*

*My help must come from Thee.*

I would but cannot love,  
Though wooed by love divine;  
No arguments have power to move  
A soul as base as mine.  
A soul so base as mine.



I would but cannot rest,  
In God's most holy will;  
I know what He appoints is best,  
And murmur at it still.  
I murmur at it still.

*Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.*

*Help my unbelief.*

*My help must come from Thee. (REPEAT)*

**Message** 1 Peter 1:1-9 "A Living Hope" Chris Burton

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

**Biblical hope is a genuine reality**

### **I. WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE**

**A. Born Again**

**B. An Inheritance**

### **I. WHAT CHRIST IS DOING**

**A. Proof of faith**

**B. Sanctification**

### **II. WHAT CHRIST WILL DO**

**A. He will be faithful**

**B. He will be glorified**

## CONCLUSION

... we can face tomorrow's trials and hardship because of our Hope in Jesus Christ - in what he has done, is doing and will do.

### Closing Song *Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus*

Author: Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
*Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
*Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
*Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

## BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</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 1 Peter 1:1-9

1. Through the challenges of life where do people often look for hope? How do you find yourself doing the same?
2. What is the hope Peter describes here? Why is it called a “living hope”? How do we have it?
3. Discuss the “inheritance” in verse 4. What is the different and helpful meaning of the three descriptive words – imperishable, undefiled and unfading?
4. What does it mean to you to think that there is a sense in which this inheritance is already ours? How is that guaranteed?
5. How, from this passage, can we answer the questions we or others may have about the place and purpose of suffering?
6. How can we be both spiritually and practically helpful when brothers and sisters go through trials?

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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)).

## 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: 6<sup>th</sup> of December

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 11<sup>th</sup> of Nov. (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 22<sup>nd</sup> of Nov., **brought forward**  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Youth Group

**What** *Fun and Dessert and Discussion.*  
**When** 7:00 pm, 20<sup>th</sup> of Nov. (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 Nov. (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday), *this week 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

## Creation Ministries International Speaker

Next week **Mark James** brings his powerful message *Science and the Bible: Conflict or Confirmation?* at 10.00am on Sunday 15 November 2020.

*There will be display tables with resource books and DVD's available for purchase, you may want to come prepared for that.*

## Bridal Shower

- What** Ladies, please join us to Celebrate Debbie Burden's Bridal Shower.
- When** Saturday 14th of November 2020, 3:30-5.30 pm
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

**Please bring a plate to share.**

**RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> of November to [sharmini.paddick@gmail.com](mailto:sharmini.paddick@gmail.com)**

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November

| SHORE KID'S LEADER | CRECHE    | KITCHEN & MORNING TEA        | OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN | HALL SET-UP                         | HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP         | SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND |
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| TBA                | Volunteer | Amy Munroe and Raquel Burton | Dennis                | Dennis, Chris Burton & Steve Bilton | Dennis, Chris, Steve & Volunteers | Volunteers            |

## **Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest** (more available on the website: [shorepres.org.nz](http://shorepres.org.nz))

**We want to be a community of grace.** The Church has not always represented Jesus well; sometimes it has been harsh and hurtful. Often people are struggling with great hurts in life as well as great questions and doubts. We desire to be a community that provides acceptance and allows for time to heal and room to work through doubts and fears as we all learn together from the grace and wisdom that Jesus offers.

**We want to love and to serve.** One of the great joys of being a Christian is in knowing how much Jesus, who is God, has loved and served us. So in response we seek to love and serve others, both within the Christian community and into the community in which we live. We hope that the warmth of our Sunday meetings expresses something of that Jesus kind of love.

**We want to worship.** We are committed to meeting to worship God for His glory and grace and that our gathered worship is the high point of our lives. We also believe that worship extends to every part of our lives and our daily pursuits and that we serve and honour Him in all that we do. We are committed to corporate worship that embraces and respects those who may not yet believe. For that reason we try to practice a worship that is orderly and understandable; and that does not demand any more involvement than a visitor is willing or able to give.

**We want to be missional.** That is to say we, don't believe we exist as Christians for our own sake. Rather Christ has commanded and modelled for us a way of life marked by neighbour love. We are to do good in the world and to care for our culture and our communities. We are to serve Him where we worship, where we work, where we study, where we live, even where we play. We also believe that the Good News of sins forgiven and everlasting life through the death and resurrection of Jesus is the message that everyone needs to hear.

**We believe the Bible.** That is to say, we believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that that is where God speaks authoritatively. The Bible is the place to find answers to the great questions of life. So the Bible takes central place in our worship, our gatherings and in our lives.

**We believe the Gospel.** We believe the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God who died and rose again to bring us into an eternal relationship with God through the forgiveness of sins.

**We believe in Jesus.** We believe that the man Jesus was born of a virgin and is the Son of God, that He lived a fully obedient life and gave His life as a substitute on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so that we could be forgiven, declared righteous in Him and live forever with Him in a new heaven and a new earth. We believe He rose from the dead and reigns now and will come again in victory.

**We are Confessional.** We also hold to a statement of beliefs called the Westminster Confession of Faith. It is secondary to the Bible but helpfully sets out in ordered form what we believe the Bible teaches on important doctrines. Elders and pastors vow commitment to that confession at their ordination.

**We are Presbyterian.** This relates particularly to our form of government. Local church is led by elders who conform to biblical standards for leadership and are elected by the congregation who desire their spiritual care and oversight. Elders from a number of local churches also serve in regional bodies called Presbytery, which also provides wider wisdom and help to the local congregations. The Church leadership also meets once a year in a national assembly to consult on matters of importance to the whole church.

**We are Reformed.** Our doctrinal standards reflect something of the theology of the Reformation in Europe and Great Britain which revived a number of key biblical commitments: Scripture alone, salvation through faith alone, by grace alone, through Christ alone for the glory of God alone. The Reformed faith has a strong sense of the sovereignty of God over the world, its people and its history, and calls for us to submit to His sovereignty in our own lives. This we gladly do since we believe the biblical view is the only one that makes sense of reality.

**We are Complementarian.** We take seriously what the Bible teaches about the creation of men and women, that they equally bear the image and likeness of God and are equal in dignity and worth. We also believe the Bible teaches unique roles for men and women which are not about status but about finding fulfilment in serving God in the ways He has designed.

**We are Covenantal.** We believe that God in Christ makes a commitment to His people which the Bible calls a covenant. It expresses His abiding faithfulness to His promises and calls us also to our responsibility in the covenant arrangement to be obedient and faithful. In particular the Bible teaches that God makes a commitment to Christian families which give great spiritual privileges to the children and remind them that they have great responsibility to walk in the faith of their parents which is their spiritual inheritance, and that to rebel brings greater judgement. We believe that children should receive the blessing of baptism because of the position they have before God.

***User warning:** It's a little risky to state right up front what we believe. Such things can be open to misunderstanding or simply viewed as arrogant. Nevertheless not stating them is just as problematical since it leaves people in the dark about what we are committed to. And the bottom line is that for the church to be the church it is significantly committed to something. That being said, please recognise that these are simple statements for ease of reading. They cannot answer all the questions they may create. Those discussions are left to other opportunities – like visiting with us to hear more or by contacting Peter our pastor to discuss them.*



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