



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 22nd 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 111:1-4¹

¹ Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *10,000 Reasons*

Author: Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship your holy name

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger

Your name is great, and your heart is kind

For all your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

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.

Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name (REPEAT)

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 Ebenezer³;
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,⁴
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

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.

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.

Time of Confession and Repentance Psalm 51:1-4, 7-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgement. ...
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Assurance of Grace Isaiah 1:18; Psalm 103:11,12;
1 Corinthians 15:3,4; 1 John 3:2

¹⁸ “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

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 Praise *Worthy is the Lamb*

Thank you for the cross Lord

Thank you for the price you paid

Bearing all my sin and shame

In love you came and gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love Lord

Thank you for the nail-pierced hands

Washed me in your cleansing flow

Now all I know your forgiveness and embrace
Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown you now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up
Jesus, Son of God
Ruler of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Search me, O God*

J. Edwin Orr, 1936.⁴

Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy word and make me pure within;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:13-9:6 (Church Bible p404)

⁴ Edwin Orr wrote these words at a revival meeting in Ngaruawahia, New Zealand, taking less than five minutes to put them down on paper.

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 8:13-9:6 *“Remembering and Renewal”*

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

INTRODUCTION

I. REMEMBERING TO REMEMBER

A. Our Ease of Forgetfulness

B. The Value of Remembering

C. Ways of Remembering

D. Responsibilities for Remembrance

E. Who is Setting the Agenda

I. REMEMBERING UNFAITHFULNESS

A. The Hard Side of Remembering

B. Confession: the Path to Grace

II. BEING RENEWED IN THE LORD

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *I Surrender All*

Author: Judson W. Van de Venter

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
In his presence daily live.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know Thy pow'r divine.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.*

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 8:13-9:6

1. See especially 8:1-3; 8:13; 8:18 and 9:3. Why did Ezra, the heads of the people and the Levites give so much attention to reading, studying and explaining God's Word? Why was it important at this moment in history and why is it always important?
2. Do you struggle to remember the things of the Lord? What pushes away these memories or what other memories crowd out the remembrances of the Lord?
3. What are the values of remembering? See for example, Lamentations 3:19-22; Psalm 42:4-5 and Psalm 77:7-11.
4. We are particularly given the Word of God to remember. Has he given us any other means? Think perhaps about the role of the feast of booths here.
5. In what ways do you think it is true to say that "the Devil is a preacher too"? And why then is remembering an important and shared responsibility of the family and the church?
6. How does remembering the Lord also remind us of our own sins and the need for confession? But how does that also bring us to renewal in the Lord and worship? What is the grace that comes to us from this idea, "one of the greatest things for us to remember is that God remembers too"?
7. How can we help ourselves and each other to remember the things that matter?

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: 6th of December

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 9th of Dec. (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), ***last for the year***
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 22nd of Nov., ***today***
Where Goodenough's place, 1 Emlyn Place, 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 pm, 10th of Dec. (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 End of year outing - BBQ and orienteering
When 4th December
Where Mahurangi Regional Park. *Young people invite your friends!*
Contact Steve Bilton 022 647 0931 or Chris Burton 022 345 4131

Christmas Invite

Dear Church Family, we would like to invite anyone that does not have a place to go or family to be with on Christmas Day to join us at our home for a shared Christmas lunch. We're happy to put some meat on the BBQ, and would only ask you bring some food to share to go with it. This is a special day for Christians so what better than to spend it with church family celebrating the true meaning of Christmas together. If the people who want to come, can they let us know by the 18th December or before that would be great. Yours in Christ, Ingrid and Paul

Ladies Christmas Dinner

What Shore Pres Ladies Christmas Dinner
When Saturday 5th of December 2020, 6:00 pm
Where Fernielea Café, 302 Coatesville Riverhead Highway, Coatesville
RSVP by 28th of November to sharmini.paddick@gmail.com

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 29th 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
TBA	Volunteer	Callum Boyd and Anna Knapp	Dennis	Dennis, Keith Knapp & Oliver Burton	Dennis, Keith, Oliver & Volunteers	Volunteers

Opportunity to help with Justin and Debbie's Wedding

We want YOU!

We've had a few offers of help for our wedding and we would really appreciate it if you wanted to be involved.

A few people have volunteered to bring food or assistance on the day.

In order for everything to run smoothly – Debbie's friend Kendyl is coordinating any helpers on the day.

Could you please contact Kendyl if you can help in one of the following areas:

- Baking/sweet food
- Tea & coffee
- Clean up
- Moving chairs

Coordinator for the Day:

Kendyl Roodt - Kendyl@activehealthosteo.co.nz or 0279511494

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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