



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 29<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 57:1-3, 9-11<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

<sup>2</sup> I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfils his purpose for me.

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! ...

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!

## **Prayer of adoration and approach**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *I Cannot Tell*

William Y. Fullerton 1929

I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,  
Should set His love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,  
To bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that He was born of Mary  
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,  
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,  
And so the Savior, Savior of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,  
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,  
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.

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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.

But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,  
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,  
How He will claim His earthly heritage,  
How satisfy the needs and aspirations  
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,  
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,  
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor  
When He the Savior, Savior of the world is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:  
At last the Savior, Savior of the world is king!

## ***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** Psalm 32:1-7

<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.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,

they shall not reach him.

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

### **Profession of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed***<sup>3</sup>

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 catholic<sup>4</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word** *Just As I Am*

By Charlotte Elliott

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,

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

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

To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Scripture Reading** Nehemiah 9:1-17, 32-38 (Church Bible p404)

### **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 (p13) for further information about the offering.

### **Message** Nehemiah 9 *“The Healing Gift of Confession”*

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

#### **I. WE CONFESS UNFAITHFULNESS**

##### **A. Constant Unfaithfulness**



- i. Creation, verse 6**
- ii. Covenant with Abraham, verses 7-8**
- iii. The Exodus, verses 9-15**
- iv. The Wilderness Wanderings, verses 16-21**
- v. The Conquest of the Promised Land, verses 22-25**
- vi. The Cycle of the Judges, verses 26-31**
- vii. The Current Grief, verses 32-37**

## **B. The Very Nature of Sin**

### **II. THE ENORMITY OF GOD'S COVENANT FAITHFULNESS**

### **III. GOD'S SURE GRACE SEALED IN A NEW COVENANT**

## **CONCLUSION**

## **Closing Song** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Author: Keith Green

Create in me a clean heart oh God

And renew a right spirit within me

Create in me a clean heart oh God

And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation

And renew a right spirit within me **(REPEAT ALL)**

## **BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**

### **SUNG BENEDICTION**

Now unto Him

Who is able to keep,

Able to keep you from falling.

And present you faultless

Before the Presence of His glory,

With exceeding joy.

To the only wise God our Saviour

Be glory and majesty,

Dominion and power,

Both now and forever,

**Amen.**

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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    Nehemiah 9

1. Do you find the idea of the confession of sin a challenge? Why? How may either pride or fear contribute to the challenge? Do you think it is true that confession is a healthy part of our spiritual walk and can lead to growth in grace? Explain.
2. In Nehemiah 9 the sin the people confess is covenant unfaithfulness. Discuss the ways this is evidenced in the history recounted through the chapter.
3. How is it helpful to understand their sin as “ingratitude”, “an insult to God” and “a misrepresentation of God”? Does this help define your sins? Does this also help define sin for all the world not just believers? Can you think of other words to describe it?
4. How does God’s faithfulness stand out here?
5. How does God’s faithfulness reach its heights in the New Covenant established by Christ? How does that encourage you?
6. How does grace make a difference in our seeking to conquer sin and grow in faithfulness?

## 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, *next week*

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month), *last for the year*  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### 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 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

### Youth Group

**What** End of year outing - BBQ and orienteering  
**When** 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> of November to [sharmini.paddick@gmail.com](mailto:sharmini.paddick@gmail.com)**

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December – 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 | Janet Boyd and Ingrid Goodenough | Dennis                | Dennis, Jonathan Munroe & Paul Goodenough | Dennis, Jonathan, Paul & 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 Miriam Burden 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 Miriam Burden ([imaburden2@gmail.com](mailto:imaburden2@gmail.com)).

## 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@activehealthsteo.co.nz](mailto:Kendyl@activehealthsteo.co.nz) or 0279511494

## Fundraising Opportunity for Ride4Freedom

This is a fundraiser for Ride4Freedom (all proceeds go to project).

Edna will be baking ***Panetones*** (a special Italian bread that is normally eaten at Christmas). These sweet breads with crystallized/dried fruit serve 6 generous slices and are decorated with fresh cream (icing). They can also be made with chocolate drops inside (instead of fruity flavour).

The cost is \$36 each. Now taking pre-orders

**Contact Edna Silva - [petreceliamic@hotmail.com](mailto:petreceliamic@hotmail.com)**

Also, advance notice, I'll be baking small pavlovas too. More news to come.





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