



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 7th OF FEBRUARY 2021

**Celebration of the
Lord's Supper**

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 Romans 8:1-4, 31-39¹

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Cornerstone*

Authors: Edward Mote, Reuben Morgan

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name **(REPEAT)**

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.

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, he is Lord
Lord of all.*

Lead Me To The Cross

Authors: Hillsong United

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself*

*I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The Word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

To your heart
To your heart

Lead me to your heart
Lead me to your heart

*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have not done those things
which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.
But You, O Lord are merciful.
Forgive us, O Lord, as we confess our faults.
Restore us as we repent,
according to Your promises
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**³

Assurance of Grace Psalm 103:8-12

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
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.

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*⁴

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.

³ Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

⁴ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic⁵ church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Reception into membership

We rejoice today in God's grace in Christ as we receive Douglas and Nicky Goncalves into the membership of Shore Pres.

Douglas's Personal Testimony

Membership vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except for His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, and do you rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavour to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and commit yourself to the purity and peace of the Church?

Congregational vow

Do you as a congregation receive Douglas and Nicky in Christian love, and promise, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen and encourage them in their faith, and to live out your union with them in the peace of Christ?

Answer: *We do*

⁵ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

Prayer and welcome by the elders

Song of Praise *Amazing Grace*

Author: John Newton

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.

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 Nehemiah 11:1-2; 12:27-32, 37-47

(Church Bible p406)

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 11 and 12 *“A Grace-Filled Church”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. VOLUNTARY SERVICE

II. A SENSE OF OTHER PEOPLE

III. A SENSE OF PLACE AMONG THE PEOPLE

IV. A SENSE OF PURPOSE

V. A RESOUNDING PRAISE

CONCLUSION – THE FRUIT OF GRACE

The Lord's Supper *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 17. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper *At the Fountain*

Authors: Pacific Crossroads Church

There is healing at the fountain
Come and find it weary soul,
There your sins will all be covered
Jesus waits to make you whole
*O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain
Look to Jesus now and live
At the cross lay all your burdens
All your wanderings He'll forgive
*O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain
Precious fountain filled with blood,
Come O come the Saviour calls you,
Come and plunge beneath this flood.

*O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

Prayer at the Lord's Table Paul Burton

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Closing Song *All Glory be to Christ*

Author: Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me, what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him, the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!*

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!

All glory be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

All glory be to Christ!

BENEDICTION⁶

⁶ 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.

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).

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 11:1-2; 12:27-32, 37-47

1. As we think about the people finding a way to fill Jerusalem what do you think the last part of verse 12:43 might be implying about the purpose of Jerusalem and the Church itself? How also does this restoration of Jerusalem fit with God's covenant promises for the world?
2. Have you thought about the fact that one of the amazing things about the Church and its functioning is that it is made up of willing volunteers? What actually makes us so willing?
3. How does a grace-filled Church show this sense of the "other" person? How is this counter-intuitive and in itself a testimony to the world of the transforming power of the Gospel?
4. How does this passage show this sense of place that each of us has in the Church? How does this passage show a sense of purpose that each of us has in serving Christ? How does that encourage you? What do you think it looks like? How can we grow in finding our place and purpose?
5. How is praise and singing praise so remarkable in the religious world? What does it say about the Gospel of grace?
6. How is all of this a response to grace itself?

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: 7th of February, **today**

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 10th of February (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), **this week**
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, 11th of Feb. (monthly 2nd 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

Women's Ministry

This year your Women's Ministry Committee is Janet Boyd, Ingrid Goodenough, Sharmini Paddick and Ariel Wilson.
Watch this space for news of what's coming up this year to bless all the ladies of the Church.

Lady's - Coffee, Catch up and Conversations

- What** A bi-monthly coffee catch up to encourage & inspire one another as we grow in Christ together. For all ages and stages.
- When** From 10:00 am, 20th of Feb. (last Saturday, each second month)
- Where** *The Stoned Cow Café* in Browns Bay (used to be the post office)
<https://www.thestonedcow.co.nz/>

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 31st of March
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Baby Shower

- What** *"Come and Celebrate Jessie and Jessica's Baby Shower"*
- When** Saturday 13th of February at 11 am, **this week**
- Where** At Thomas and Ariel's
Please bring a plate to share, Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating this special occasion

RSVP By the 6th of February to Sharmini.paddick@gmail.com

Shore Presbyterian Church Family Camp

Don't forget, grab a brochure!

- What** A weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth
- Where** Mangawhai Heads
- When** Friday evening the 5th to Sunday the 7th of March 2021

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 14th of February

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	Karen van Bemmelen and Sharmini Paddick	Dennis	Dennis, Carl & William Paddick	Dennis, Carl, William & Volunteers	Volunteers

Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper

Prayer of uncertainty *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

Prayer for those searching for truth *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

Prayer of belief *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

Prayer of commitment *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

Prayer for those struggling with sin *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

Prayer for the believer *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*

Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest (more available on the website: 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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