



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OF MARCH 2021**

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 130<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! <sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! <sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. <sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; <sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. <sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

## **Prayer of Adoration and Approach**

### **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.**<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

## **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.**

## **Songs of Adoration**<sup>5</sup> & Praise *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*

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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.

<sup>5</sup>Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

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*

*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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## **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!*

## **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** *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)**

*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.*

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

### *I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)*

Author: Brian Doerksen

I lift my eyes up, to the mountains  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from you, maker of heaven  
Creator of the earth (**REPEAT**)

*Oh how I need you Lord  
You're my only hope  
You're my only prayer  
So I will wait for you  
To come and rescue me  
To come and give me life! (**REPEAT ALL**)*



**Scripture Reading** Mark 8:27-38 (Church Bible p844)

*Douglas Goncalves*

## **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 (p11) for further information about the offering.

## **Message** Mark 8:27-38 *“A Christian is a Cross-Bearer”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. THE CROSS IS CENTRAL**

**A. For Christ**

**B. Creating Conflict for Followers**

#### **II. THE CROSS IS CHRISTIANITY**

**A. Carrying a Cross**

**B. Cost of the Soul**

**C. Courtroom to Come**

### III. THE CROSS IS A CALL TO CARE

## CONCLUSION

### **Closing Song** When I Survey

Author: Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## BENEDICTION<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</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** Mark 8:27-38 (optional 9:30-37; 10:32-45)

1. See Mark 8:33. Why was Jesus' rebuke so strong and why had Peter got it so wrong? What does this say about human nature? And what does this tell us about the work of Christ and what real Christianity is?
2. How does Jesus define what it means to be a follower here? How easy is it to lose sight of this central reality? What is so-called "nominal Christianity" and how does it affect the mission of the Church?
3. What is the eternal beauty of true discipleship and how does that encourage us (think about 8:35 in particular)?
4. Why is Mark 10:45 such an important text in the Gospels? What does Jesus mean by calling himself the "Son of Man" (check Daniel 7:13,14), and how does that underscore His teaching on cross-bearing?
5. From the passages in chapters 9 and 10, discuss our culture's definition of greatness and Jesus'. In what ways can we lose sight of this?
6. Think about what cross-bearing looks like as: husbands and wives, as parents, in your neighbourhood, at your workplace, in your school/university ... And how can it become more of a reality?

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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 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)).

## 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: 4<sup>th</sup> of April (Easter), *next week*

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 28<sup>th</sup> of April (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay  
**Please note:** After this the Prayer Meeting will happen once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The Men's Ministry will now meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month to enable the Thursday night Encouragement Group to meet.

### 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, 14<sup>th</sup> of Apr. (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
*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

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## Lady's - Coffee, Catch up and Conversation

- 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, 24th of April (last Saturday, each second month)
- Where** *The Stoned Cow Café* in Browns Bay (used to be the post office)  
<https://www.thestonedcow.co.nz/>

## Easter Services

### 1. COMBINED NORTHERN BAYS CHURCHES – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

- When** 10:00 am, Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April
- Where** Northcross Church building, 826a East Coast Road

### 2. EASTER SUNDAY MORNING SUNRISE COMMUNION SERVICE

Shared with Browns Bay Presbyterian

- When** Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April  
 Arrive at 5:45 am for a 6:00 am (Sunrise is 6.37am)  
*NOTE: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON THIS SUNDAY.*

- Where** Southern end of Browns Bay Beach.  
 Feel free to bring coffee or buns or breakfast

### 3. RESURRECTION SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

10:00 am here at Long Bay Primary School Hall

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April – 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 Ruth Burden	Dennis	Dennis, Callum Boyd and Oliver Burton	Dennis, Calum, Oliver & 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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