



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 9th OF MAY 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 Romans 5:1,2; 8:35-39¹

^{5:1} Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

^{8:35} 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 Approach and Adoration²

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise *Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder*

Authors: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Saviors name
He has hushed the laws loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinais flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

²Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

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*He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God*

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown

*He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God*

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercys store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more

*He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God*

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky

*Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God*

Come Praise and Glorify

Authors: Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin, 2012

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured

For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves*

INSTRUMENTAL

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves
You are the God who saves
You are the God who saves*

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving Psalm 145:-13

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: **One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

People: **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

ALL: ***All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Amen!***

A Mother's Day Prayer – silently then together

We give thanks to you Lord for the creation and gift of motherhood, for its beauty, its power and its potential for so much good in our world.

We remember those that have gone from this life and we honour them.

We give thanks for those who are with us and pray Your grace and blessing in their lives.

Grant us to know how to honour them for the profound sacrifice they have made to love and serve us.

We pray for young mums and mums to be that You would give them strength, wisdom and the joy of seeing their children follow You.

We pray for our society and government to uphold, encourage and protect the crucial role of being a mum.

And, Lord, where there is pain and difficulty in relationships with mums, we ask that you would bring understanding, grace and healing. In Jesus name, Amen.

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 *All I Have is Christ*

Author: Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life

In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is you
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (REPEAT)

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Author: Kate B. Wilkinson

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say, all I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his power, only through his power

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing, sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self abasing
This is victory, this is victory

May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go, as I onward go.

May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only him

Scripture reading Acts 2:22-47 (Church Bible p910) Steve Bilton

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 (p10) for further information about the offering.

Message Acts 2:42-47 “There is no Independency in Grace”

There are worksheets at the back for children if you wish during the message

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. A LEARNING CHURCH

II. A LOVING CHURCH

CONCLUSION

Closing Song Thine Be The Glory

Author: Edmund Budry

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

BENEDICTION⁴

⁴ 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 Acts 2:42-47

1. How does the picture in these verses challenge our culture and our hearts natural tendencies?
2. What created this community and how does that give us help in seeing such a community continue to flourish today?
3. What does it mean to say that there is no independency in grace? How does that impact our view of church and the wider church?
4. Why was (and is) the Apostle's teaching so integral to the life of the Church? How do we see the work of the Spirit and the ministry of the Word being essentially connected here? Are there ways in which the Church has tended to disrupt this connection?
5. What does love look like here? How would this work out for us today? What is the impact of the loving community in Acts? How do we continue to grow such a love?

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) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden (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 1st Sunday of the month, next: 6th of June

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 26th of May (4th Wed of the month)
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, 12th of May (monthly 2nd Wednesday), **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

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, 28th of August (last Saturday, each second month)

Where *The Stoned Cow Café* in Browns Bay (used to be the post office)
<https://www.thestonedcow.co.nz/>

Women's Seminar on 'Anxiety'

- What** Women in Grace will be putting on a seminar for women on the topic of anxiety. Hannah Bredemeijer, a clinical psychologist, and Christian counsellor, will be the main speaker and there will be opportunities for small group discussion and Q&A time. Afternoon tea will be provided.
- When** Please join us from 1:00-4:00pm on the 26th of June.
- Where** The Ponsonby Community Centre (20 Ponsonby Terrace).
- Contact** If you're interested in childcare for children under 5 or have questions about the event, please contact Gretchen Bruner gretchenabruner@gmail.com or Anne Camp sacamp@xtra.co.nz.

Steve and Anna's Kitchen Tea Party

- When** Saturday, 3:00pm on the 22nd of May
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** Please RSVP by 15th of May - Sharmini.paddick@gmail.com

Shore Church Camp

Church camp is back on. The new dates are 26–28 November, so please plan for that. Ian Reid, the pastor of King's Grace Church, Palmerston North, is still scheduled to be the speaker. If you have previously enrolled but cannot make it for those dates, talk to Paul or Ingrid Goodenough about a refund.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 16th of May

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	Tanya Petreceli and Nicky Goncalves	Dennis	Dennis, Joao Petreceli and Douglas Goncalves	Dennis, Joao, Douglas & Volunteers	Volunteers



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