



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> 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** Psalm 100<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## **Prayer of Approach and Adoration<sup>2</sup>**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>3</sup> & Praise** *Blessed Be Your Name*

Author: Matt Redman

Blessed be your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be your name

*Every blessing you pour out*

*I'll turn back to praise*

*When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord*

*Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord*

*Blessed be your glorious name*

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

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Blessed be your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be your name  
Blessed be your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be your name

*Every blessing you pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your glorious name*

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be your name **(REPEAT)**  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your glorious name (REPEAT)*

### **Time of Confession and Repentance** 1 Peter 1:13-19

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." <sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things

such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

### **Assurance of Grace** Psalm 103:8-14

- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

### **Song of Assurance** *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!*

**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 preparation for hearing God's Word**

### *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*

**Scripture reading** Acts 2:22-47 (Church Bible p910) *Tom Wilson*

### **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** Acts 2:42-47

“More Pictures of the Spirit-Filled Church”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. A WORSHIPPING CHURCH**

**A. Formality and Informality**

**B. Joy and Reverence**

### **II. A GROWING CHURCH**

**A. The Proclaimed Gospel**

**B. The Attractiveness of the New Community**

**C. God at Work**

## **CONCLUSION**

## **Closing Song** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Author: Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>4</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 Acts 2:42-47

1. What elements of the life of this new Church community stand out for you? What does it mean to say that this is a Spirit-filled Church?
2. Why did these people worship? How did they worship? What is the impact of their worship? What does this say to us?
3. How was their worship both formal and informal, temple and home? What would that look like today?
4. How was their worship marked by both joy and reverence? What would that look like today?
5. How did the life of the Church have an impact in the lives of people around them? What created that life? What did it look like? What would it look like today? Think too of how the Church through history has impacted the world.
6. What does it mean to call the church missional? What does that mean about how we function towards the unbelieving world as church and as Christians?

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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: 6<sup>th</sup> of June

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 26<sup>th</sup> of May (4<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> of June (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

### 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](mailto:gretchenabruner@gmail.com) or Anne Camp [sacamp@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto:sharmini.paddick@gmail.com)

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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	Justin and Debbie Port and Ingrid Goodenough	Dennis	Dennis, Jonathan Munroe and Paul Goodenough	Dennis, Jonathan, Paul & 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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