



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 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 8:31-39<sup>1</sup>

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

### **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.

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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.

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>3</sup>

## **Songs of Adoration<sup>4</sup> & Praise** *Rock of Ages*

Author: Augustus M. Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

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## ***Glorified***

Parachute Band

Lord I come into your Holy place.  
Stand in awe, of your cleansing grace.  
Who am I, that you would care for me?  
I glorify the one who died for me.

*Glorify, glorify*

*Let your name be lifted up and glorified*

*Let the earth tremble at your name*

*Let your name be lifted up and glorified*

Into your hands, I commit my life  
Day by day as a living sacrifice  
Who am I that you would care for me?  
I glorify the one who died for me

*Glorify, glorify*

*Let your name be lifted up and glorified*

*Let the earth tremble at your name*

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## **Mission Spot** *Grace4Pakistan*

### **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**

*How Deep the Father's Love for us*

*Author: Stewart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My guilt upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no powr's, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

**Scripture reading** Acts 4:32-5:11 (Church Bible p912)  
Jonathan Munroe

### **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 (p16) for further information about the offering.

**Message** Acts 4:32-5:11 “The Shocking Significance of Sin”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions, next page

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. THE SIN OF NOT LOVING OTHERS**

**A. A Community of Love**

**B. Self-love**

**C. The Threat**

### **II. THE SIN OF NOT LOVING GOD**

### **III. THE WAGES OF SIN**

### **IV. THE SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE**

**A. Fulfilling all righteousness**

**B. Paying the price**

**C. Uniting us to His life**

**D. Walking with us in our brokenness**

## **CONCLUSION**



**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 12. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

## **Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper**

### **This I Believe**

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting

The all creating one

God Almighty

Through your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father*

*I believe in Christ the Son*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit*

*Our God is three in one*

*I believe in the resurrection*

*That we will rise again*

*For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our Judge and our Defender

Suffered and crucified

Forgiveness is in you

Descended into darkness

You rose in glorious life

Forever seated high

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

**Bridge** *I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
And I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus  
*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

**Prayer at the Lord's Table** Paul Burton

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## **Closing Song** *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)*

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

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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.

## 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.*

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

### Scripture Reading Acts 4:32-5:11

1. Do you find the death of Ananias and Sapphira shocking? In what way? What does it make you think about God and even about yourself?
2. How does Luke's recording of this event assure us of the trustworthiness of Luke's writings?
3. Why do you think this event is recorded? What is meant to be its impact on the Church?
4. How is their sin an offense against the love and unity of the Church and why is that so important then, and now?
5. How is their sin an offense against the love of God and why is that so important then, and now?
6. As we see our own hearts tendencies revealed here how does the Gospel of Jesus Christ give us both hope and help?
7. In the life of our own Church, do you think there are some things, that we need to be mindful of and be putting into practice?

## 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, **today**

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 23<sup>rd</sup> of June (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), **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

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> of June
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### **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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **Kid's Ministry – Opportunity to Serve**

Sophia Burton is setting up a roster to do Kid's Ministry during the sermon time. Even though we don't have lots of kids in the age bracket it is very helpful as we seek to grow to have something in place particularly for visiting families who may turn up. The more people there are on the roster the more the load is spread. It is a simple way to love and serve. If you have further questions or would like to help ***please contact Sophia Burton.***

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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).

## Anna and Steve's Wedding

Steve Bilton and Anna Schmidt are getting married on July 3rd and they wanted the Shore Pres Family to know. Because the venue has limited seating, they are not able to have an open invite so attendance is by **'Invitation Only'**.

However they still want to provide an opportunity to share the occasion with all of Shore Pres through a **Livestream** event.

**Find the Livestream link** and other Wedding details at:

[www.zola.com/wedding/steveandanna2021](http://www.zola.com/wedding/steveandanna2021)

**When**      1:00 pm, Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2021

<b>Serving Roster for next Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June</b>						
<b>SHORE KID'S LEADER</b>	<b>CRECHE</b>	<b>KITCHEN &amp; MORNING TEA</b>	<b>OPEN UP &amp; FIRE WARDEN</b>	<b>HALL SET-UP</b>	<b>HALL TAKE DOWN &amp; CLEAN UP</b>	<b>SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND</b>
TBA	Volunteer	Lydia Song and Raquel Burton	Dennis	Dennis, and Song Family	Dennis, Songs, & Volunteers	Volunteers

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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)).



## **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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