



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 13TH OF JUNE 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 145:8-13¹

- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Adoration²

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise *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
Let your name be lifted up and glorified

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.

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Near The Cross

Author: Fannie Crosby

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Shed his beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Assurance of Grace *Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 60. *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor

had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Corporate Profession of Faith Psalms 73:22-28

Leader Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

People You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Leader Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

People My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Leader For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

All **But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.**

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 *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.

Scripture reading Acts 5:12-42 (Church Bible p913) 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 (p16) for further information about the offering.

Message Act 5:12-42 "We Serve an Unstoppable Gospel"

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. A FRAGRANCE FROM DEATH TO DEATH

II. A FRAGRANCE FROM LIFE TO LIFE

A. The Power of God

B. Stopping the Gospel is like trying to stop Jesus

C. Signs and Wonders

D. God is Adding People

III. OUR PRIVILEGE TO BE THE FRAGRANCE OF CHRIST

A. Instruments of the Word of Life

B. Called to Obedience

C. Rejoicing in Affliction

CONCLUSION

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!

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 5:12-42

1. What is the strategy of Satan in this passage to stop the spread of the Gospel? How has that strategy been shown in history? How is it being shown today, in the West and in other parts of the world?
2. What causes the hostility? Why can it not stop the Gospel?
3. Why is it a privilege to be a fragrance of life to life? How is the Gospel shown here to be unstoppable?
4. See Acts 13:48. What is the encouragement to us in this verse regarding the sovereignty of God?
5. What do you think it means to be instruments of the “words of this Life” (verse 20)? How does that effect the way we view the unbeliever and the unbelieving world?
6. What does the reaction of the apostles teach us about serving the Gospel? Is it possible to rejoice in affliction (see verse 41)?
7. A couple of weeks ago there was a challenge in the sermon to think of someone in your network that you could seek to bring to Christ. Did you think of someone? Has there been any answer to prayer? Take time again in your group to pray: for an opportunity, for eyes to see the opportunity, for love and courage to take the opportunity, and for the right words.

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: 4th of July

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 23rd of June (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, 14th of July (monthly 2nd 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

Next Sunday

Next Sunday, the 20th of June, Pastor Pete needs to be at Redeemer Grace Church in Flat Bush to help out with their Congregational Meeting (Peter serves as the Interim Moderator for that Grace Church). In his absence Pastor Peter Reynolds will minister the Word here at Shore Pres and Paul Burton will lead the worship

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 27th 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, 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/>

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 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.

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

When 1:00 pm, Saturday the 3rd of July 2021

Combined Presbytery Service

What A wonderful opportunity to meet up and worship with other brothers and sisters in the wider Grace Presbyterian Church.

When 4:00 pm, 4th of July

Where City Presbyterian Church at the Ponsonby Community Centre
20 Ponsonby Terrace, Ponsonby 1021

There will be a bring-and-share supper and there is room reserved for childcare as well as access to outside play space.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 20th of June

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 Ingrid Goodenough	Dennis	Dennis, Carl and William Paddick	Dennis, Carl, William, & Volunteers	Volunteers

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).

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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