



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 27TH 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 62:5-8¹

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Adoration

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Leaning on The Everlasting Arms*

Author: Author: E.A. Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

I will sing the wondrous story

Words by Francis H. Rowley 1854-1952

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

Days of darkness still come o'er me,
Sorrow's path I often tread
But His presence still is with me;
By His guiding hand I'm led
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over
All my joys in Him complete

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

Scripture Reading *Matthew 11:25-30*

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*³

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 catholic⁴ church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

³ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

⁴ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

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.

Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-7 (Church Bible p914)

Song of Grace and Assurance *Before The Throne*

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,

My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Search me, O God

J. Edwin Orr, 1936.⁵

Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy word and make me pure within;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

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 (p15) for further information about the offering.

⁵ Edwin Orr wrote these words at a revival meeting in Ngaruawahia, New Zealand, taking less than five minutes to put them down on paper.

Message Acts 6:1-7 “Defeating the Danger of Distraction”

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 BEAUTY AND DANGER OF DIFFERENCE

A. The Fruit of the Gospel

B. The Strategy of Satan

II. KEEPING THE MAIN THINGS THE MAIN THINGS

A. The Importance of Word Ministry

B. The Importance of Serving Ministry

III. THE DEVOTION THAT DEFEATS THE DEVIL

A. By the Division of Labour

B. By the Ministry of All

CONCLUSION - A CHURCH WITH IMPACT

Closing Song *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

BENEDICTION⁶

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Now unto Him
Who is able to keep,
Able to keep you from falling.
And present you faultless,
Before the Presence of His glory,
With exceeding joy.
To the only wise God our Saviour
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever, **Amen.**

⁶ 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.

⁷ From the Bible book of Jude, verses 24 and 25

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-7

1. What is the beauty of difference that the Gospel brings about in the life of the Church? What also are the dangers and how might Satan use them? How might we see both the beauty and the danger today?
2. What was the greatest threat to the future of the Church in Acts 6? How did the Apostles deal with it and how did their approach reflect the importance of both Word ministry and Serving ministry? How have these two areas often seen imbalance in the life of the Church?
3. What does it mean to say that ALL are “ministers”? What does that mean for you?
4. How did their approach ensure the ongoing impact of the Gospel, see especially verse 7, and how might this work out today?
5. The sermon on Sunday concluded with this threefold challenge:
 - a. Uphold for your own sake the important role of Word ministry,
 - b. Find your place in Service,
 - c. Seek the peace and power of the Church.

Discuss how these might work out for you, for us.

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, **next Sunday**

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

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, **today**
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.***

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, ***next Sunday***
- 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 4th of July – 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	Justin and Debbie Port	Dennis	Dennis, Jonathan Munroe and Paul Goodenough	Dennis, Jonathan, Paul, & 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).



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