



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 18TH OF JULY 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 25:1-5¹

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

Prayer of Approach and Adoration²

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.
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.**³

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.

³ Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

Songs of Adoration & Praise As the deer

Martin J. Nystrom, 1981

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

I want you more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though you are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

Come behold the wondrous mystery

Author: Matt Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfilment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*⁴

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.

⁴ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

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 catholic⁵ church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **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 Thanksgiving This Is My Father's World

Author: Maltbie Babcock

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

⁵ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heav'n be one.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

The Church's One Foundation

Author: Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,

Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest!

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Scripture reading Acts 8 (Church Bible p916)

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 (p14) for further information about the offering.

Message Acts 8 “The Gospel Keeps on Going and Going”

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. TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

II. TO THE LOWEST AND THE LEAST

A. The Samaritans

B. Co-heirs of Grace

III. TO THE DEPTHS OF THE HEART

CONCLUSION

Closing Song Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Authors: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Saviour's name
He has hushed the laws loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's 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
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 mercy's 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

BENEDICTION⁶

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.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Acts 8

1. How is it encouraging, that in the Lord's sovereign grace, He spreads the Gospel, not just despite persecution, but through it? How else has that worked in history? How might it work today?
2. How in this passage do we see the Gospel being unstoppable as it goes to *the ends of the earth*? How does that encourage and challenge you today?
3. How in this passage do we see the Gospel being unstoppable as it goes to *the lowest and the least*? How does that encourage and challenge you today?
4. How in this passage do we see the Gospel being unstoppable as it goes to *the depths of the heart*? How does that encourage and challenge you today?
5. Thinking about the names mentioned here in Acts 6 through 8, how do they differ in the way they appear in biblical history? Think about unrecorded names through history. What is the challenge and encouragement to you in your time and place from a Gospel that keeps on going and going?

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: 1st of August

Next Sunday – Visiting Preacher

Next Sunday, the 25th, we will be blessed by the Ministry of the Word from Geoff Vucetich who is in training for Gospel Ministry at Grace Theological College. Please note the Fellowship Meal at the Boyd's afterwards.

Profession of Faith and Baptism

On Sunday the 1st of August we look forward to receiving Allan Huang into the life and membership of the Church as he Professes Faith and receives the sign and seal of Baptism.

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.
When From 6:30 pm, 11th of August (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 25th of July, ***next Sunday***
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer Meeting

- When** 7:15, 28th of July (4th Wed of the month)
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

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/>

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 25th of July

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	Tania Petreceli and Nicki Petreceli	Dennis	Dennis, Joao Petreceli and Douglas Goncalves	Dennis, Joao, Douglas & 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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