



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST 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** Matthew 11:25-30<sup>1</sup>

<sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

## **Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Approach**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *See What a Morning*

Authors: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
*See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead!*

See Mary weeping where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again  
*The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead!*

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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.

One with the Father Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority  
*And we are raised with Him*  
*Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered*  
*And we shall reign with Him*  
*For He lives Christ is risen from the dead! (REPEAT)*

### ***Shine Into Our Night***

Sovereign Grace Music

We are not what we should be  
We haven't sought what we should seek  
We've seen Your glory, Lord, but looked away  
Our hearts are bent, our eyes are dim  
Our finest works are stained with sin  
And emptiness has shadowed all our ways  
Jesus Christ, shine into our night  
Drive our dark away  
Till Your glory fills our eyes  
Jesus Christ, shine into our night  
Bind us to Your cross, where we find life  
Still we often go astray  
We chase the world, forget Your grace  
But You have never failed to bring us back  
Reveal the depths of what You've done  
The death You died, the vict'ry won  
You made a way for us to know Your love  
Jesus Christ, shine into our night  
Drive our dark away  
Till Your glory fills our eyes  
Jesus Christ, shine into our night  
Bind us to Your cross, where we find life **(repeat)**  
Where we find life **(x3)**

## **Corporate Prayer for one another** *from Ephesians 3:14-21*

We bow our knees before the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
that according to the riches of his glory  
He may grant us to be strengthened with power through his Spirit  
in our inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith  
—that we, being rooted and grounded in love,  
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints  
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,  
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do  
far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us,  
to him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Mission Matters** Joao Petreceli update on Nepal project

### **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 Praise** Salvation Belongs To Our God

Authors: Adrian Howard and Pat Turner

Salvation Belongs To Our God

Who Sits Upon The Throne

And Unto The Lamb

Be Praise And Glory, Wisdom And Thanks

Honour, And Power, And Strength

*Be To Our God Forever And Ever  
Be To Our God Forever And Ever  
Be To Our God Forever And Ever, Amen.*

We The Redeemed Shall Be Strong  
In Purpose And Unity  
Declaring Aloud  
Be Praise And Glory, Wisdom And Thanks  
Honour, And Power, And Strength!  
*Be To Our God Forever And Ever  
Be To Our God Forever And Ever  
Be To Our God Forever And Ever, **Amen.***

### **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word** *Abide With Me*

Author: Henry F. Lyte, 1847

Abide with me!  
Fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens.  
Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail,  
And comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless,  
O abide with me!

Swift to its close  
Ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim,  
Its glories pass away;  
Change and decay  
In all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not,  
Abide with me!

Thou on my head  
In early youth didst smile;  
And though rebellious  
And perverse meanwhile,

Thou hast not left me,  
Oft as I left Thee,  
On to the close,  
O Lord, abide with me!

I need Thy presence  
Every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace  
Can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself  
My guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine,  
O abide with me!

I fear no foe  
With Thee at hand to bless:  
Ills have no weight,  
And tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still,  
If Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross  
Before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom,  
And point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks,  
And earth's vain shadows flee:  
In life, in death,  
O Lord, abide with me!

**Scripture reading** Acts 9:10-31 (Church Bible p917) *Paul G.*



## **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.

**Scripture reading** Acts 9:32-43 (Church Bible p918)

**Message** Acts 9:10-43 “Servants for Jesus’ Sake”

*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 OF SERVING**

**A. Ananias, verses 10-18**

**B. Barnabas, verses 26-31**

**C. Peter, verses 32-43**

### **II. THE GOAL OF SERVING**

### III. THE IMPACT OF SERVING

### IV. WHAT MAKES A SERVANT

## CONCLUSION

### **Closing Song** *Across the Lands*

Authors: Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father,  
From before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory,  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</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 9:10-43

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:5. Think about how Ananias (verses 10-18) and Barnabas (verses 26-31) and Peter (verses 32-43) display the beauty of serving. How are you particularly challenged and/or encouraged?
2. Discuss the irony of the fact that we find life when we sacrifice ourselves and how that contrasts with our cultural mindset.
3. What is the goal of serving (who is the spotlight meant to be on)? Do we find that to be always true in our own lives?
4. What was the impact of the way in which these characters in the Bible served, see verse 31 as an example?
5. Consider this thought: “the Gospel is the greatest agent of change in society because it creates a people who learn to die to themselves and live for Christ and for others”. See the example of Paul in Acts 20-22-24. How can that bring change and how can that transform a society?
6. What is the key encounter that people need to re-create them as servants? What is the key encounter you and I need each day to continue to be and grow as servants – so that this might be our reality: “For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake”? How can we have that transforming encounter?

## 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: 5<sup>th</sup> of September

### 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, 8<sup>th</sup> of Sep (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
*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 29<sup>th</sup> of August  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Shore Presbyterian Church Family Camp

**What** A weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth  
**Where** Campbell Park Christian Camp, Mangawhai Heads  
**When** Friday evening the 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 25<sup>th</sup> of August (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)

**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Sacrament of Baptism

**What** We look forward with Tom and Ariel to celebrating the Baptism of their daughter Hanya and her recognition as a non-communing member of the Church of Jesus Christ with all its blessings and promises.

**When** Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, 10 am.

### 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/>

### Important Political Matters

The freedom to preach the Gospel in New Zealand is coming under serious and deceptive attack. Of particular concern is the proposed **Hate Speech Legislation** and the ban on **Conversion Therapy**. The **Family First** organization continue to produce helpful and informative material so that we can understand the issues and know how to speak up and express our concern not simply for the sake of the Gospel which is in itself crucial, but for the sake of all New Zealand to continue to have the freedom of open and gracious conversation. Please take time to express your concern. This doesn't have to be a long or complicated response but can be quite simple if you prefer. The more responses to politicians the better. Follow this link for a very helpful resource from Family First:

<https://mailchi.mp/familyfirst.org.nz/resources-to-help-you-pushback?>

***Printed material also available on the back table to help***

<b>Serving Roster for next Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August</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>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Karen van Bemmelen and Sharmini Paddick</b>	<b>Dennis</b>	<b>Dennis, Carl and William Paddick</b>	<b>Dennis, Carl, William &amp; Volunteers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>

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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)).



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