



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 29th OF AUGUST 2021

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Daniel 4:34,35 ¹

³⁴ At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I “We bless the Most High, and praise and honour him who lives for ever [adapted],

for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand
or say to him, “What have you done?”

Prayer of adoration and approach

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Psalm 51:1,2,10,12

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin! ...

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. ...

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Corporate Assurance of Grace Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*²

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 catholic³ church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

² The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

³ The term “catholic” here means “worldwide” and “universal” in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

Song of Adoration⁴ & Praise *Come Thou Fount*

Author: Robert Robinson

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer⁵;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed I'll be in blood washed linen

⁴Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

⁵Ebenezer is a name meaning "stone of help" and refers to a stone that was set up by the Israelites to remember a victory over the Philistines by God's help, when previously they had suffered defeat, see 1 Samuel 7:12. The memorial stone represented God's merciful help to His people; it also therefore represents a fresh beginning, a reversal of course for God's people. It also says something important about God's commitment to His redeemed people: His mercies are everlasting; his covenant is forever. As we sing these words it says the same for us. We remember that God has shown us His mercies and faithfulness and so we are strengthened and encouraged to continue to walk by faith in Him and His grace as we go into the unknown future.

How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

Pastoral Prayer

Please feel free to send a text through on 021 0367 957 or use the sidebar chat to send a request (just to Pastor Pete) or unmute your mic to share live.

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 Romans 8:18-30

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 (p12) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

My Hope Is Built

Author: Edward Mote

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand. (REPEAT)*

Message Various Scriptures “Pay Attention”

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions...

INTRODUCTION

See: Daniel 4:34,35; Psalm 46

I. SIN IS REAL AND IT ISN'T PRETTY

See: Romans 8:21,22; 3:23

II. DEATH DON'T HAVE NO MERCY

See Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27

III. JUDGEMENT IS COMING

See Luke 13:4,5

IV. WE ARE NOT MASTERS OF OUR OWN DESTINY

See James 4:13,14; Luke 12:19,20

V. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW CREATION

See Romans 8:21 and 18; Revelation 21:1-4

VI. RESPONSES

A. SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

See Isaiah 55:6,7

B. SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

See Isaiah 55:6,7; Ephesians 3:17-19

C. CARPE DIEM

D. JOIN THE MISSION

See 2 Peter 3:9-10

Closing Song *God and God Alone*

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God and God alone
Created all these things we call our own
From the mighty to the small
The Glory in them all
Is God's and God's alone

God and God alone
Reveals the truth of all we call unknown
All the best and worst of man
Won't change the Master's plan
It's God's and God's alone

God and God alone
Is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives
Reserve its truest praise
For God and God alone

God and God alone
Will be the joy of our eternal home
He will be our one desire
Our hearts will never tire
Of God and God alone.

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 See sermon notes for various passages

1. How have you been feeling about Covid 19 and lockdowns? Do you think God is calling our attention to something? What do you think it is?
2. What has God called your attention to personally? Is there a Scripture that has come home louder and clearer than before?
3. What does Covid and the Bible say about the nature of the world and humanity as well? How do such disasters draw attention to sin, judgement, and the fact that we are not masters of our own destiny?
4. How does Jesus Christ answer to all of these issues? How does the reality of struggle, grief and loss draw our attention to what is valuable and also to what is to come? How do you value these things?
5. How does the call of Isaiah 55:6,7 speak to you as a Christian?
6. How can we be “seizing the day” at this moment in history? Think about your own life in Christ and about others.

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: 5th of September

Special Congregational Meeting

We will be holding a brief meeting straight after worship on Sunday the 5th of September in order for the Leadership to share some important information as we go forward as a Church family. We will include the folk who are on Zoom that morning also.

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, 8th of Sep (monthly 2nd 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 26th of September,
Today postponed
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 26th to Sunday the 28th of November 2021

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 22nd of September (4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Support for children in the School in Nepal

A number of folk have enquired about how to provide that support. You can give your funds into the Shore Pres Account, clearly marked for Nepal School Sponsorship and the Treasurer will arrange to forward those funds for you. Thanks for your support for this great cause. Please ask Joao and Tania Petreceli for more information.

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 5th of September – 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	Tanya Petreceli and Nicky Sartori	Dennis	Dennis, Joao Petreceli and Douglas Goncalves	Dennis, Joao, Douglas & Volunteers	Volunteers

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 on Conversion Therapy available in
Pastor Pete's letterbox***

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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