



## **Welcome to Online Worship**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2021**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Psalm 90:1,2; 91:1,2 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>90:1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ...

<sup>91:1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

## Prayer of adoration and approach

### Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *Here I Am to Worship*

*Author: Tim Hughes*

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

*Here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that You're my God*

*You're altogether lovely*

*Altogether worthy*

*Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days

Oh, so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

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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.

*Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

*Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
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### **Special Prayer Time for the Current Covid Situation**

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour ...”  
1 Timothy 2:1-3

**Steve Bilton - Thankfulness** – to the Lord for his perfectly holy, wise and sovereign rule over every aspect of his creation; and for His mercies thus far to New Zealand.

**Carl Paddick - Help and Healing** – to deliver us from evil, including the effects of Covid. Mercy for those who are ill and for grace and strength for those who serve in the Medical sphere. For those suffering in business, with job losses and in many other ways.

**Paul Burton - Being able to meet to worship and fellowship** – Wisdom for Churches and Church leadership to navigate the future for Christ's glory and the blessings of others . For the unity of the Church in the bond of peace.

**Chris Burton - For the New Zealand Government** – For strength, wisdom, and godliness in all their decision-making; that they will be brought into the kingdom of God by his grace.

**Paul Goodenough - For other Nations** - significantly impacted by the pandemic and for the Lord's people serving in those places.

**Tom Wilson - For Gospel Renewal** - That the Gospel will not be constrained. For spiritual revival in the nation, for people in crises to call upon the name of the Lord and for personal growth in Christ for ourselves.

### **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** Mark 4:35-41

### **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 (p11) for further information about the offering.

### **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word**

#### *Rock of Ages*

Author: Augustus M. Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,

Save from wrath and make me pure.  
Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

**Message** Mark 4:35-41 *"The Winds and Waves Still Know"*

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. WHY THEY WERE IN THIS BOAT OF FEAR**

**Providence**

### **II. TO SEE AND TRUST**

### **III. TO FEAR A GREATER FEAR**

## IV. TO KNOW A GREATER LOVE

### A. The Incarnation

### B. Jesus is different

## V. HE LEADS US SAFELY HOME THROUGH ALL OUR FEARS

## CONCLUSION

### **Closing Song** *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!

## BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>

### Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

**Scripture Reading** Mark 4:35-41 also Psalms 89:8,9; 93:3-4 and 107:23-31. Also, Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1, 5.7 and Heidelberg Catechism Question 27 (see page 9 below)

1. How can life be dominated by fear? What is the greatest fear? What are your great fears at this moment in time?
2. Why are they in the boat in the first place and how does that help us understand the things we fear? Think about the issue of Providence, see the references. What do you think the Lord may be doing and teaching you in our 'present storm'?
3. Discuss the miracle. How does it answer the question, "who is this?" See also Psalms 89:8,9; 93:3-4 and 107:23-31.
4. How does this miracle speak to our fears and answer the question, "do you not care that we are perishing?". Think particularly about the incarnation and cross of Christ. How is Jesus different to every other answer to life and storms?
5. What is the sure hope this passage leaves us with? How is this great story helpful to you right now? How might it be helpful to your non-Christian friend?

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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.



## Westminster Confession of Faith

**5.1.** God, the great Creator of all things, does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

**5.7.** As the providence of God does, in general, reach to all creatures, so, after a most special manner, it takes care of his Church, and disposes all things to the good thereof.

## Heidelberg Catechism

**Question 27** What do you understand by the providence of God?

**Answer** God's providence is His almighty and ever-present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

### 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 December

## Special Congregational Meeting

As the timing of when we can actually worship in a building is uncertain, the elders have felt that we should now have this meeting over Zoom even if it is not ideal. So it is planned for straight after worship on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, do plan to stay online for that.

## Sunday Picnic – next week

Now that we can meet up outdoors in groups of 25 we can picnic after Church next Sunday. If you are able, do plan for that and next Sunday online we can arrange where and when to connect.

## 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** 7:00 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> of Dec (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

## Shore Presbyterian Church Family Camp

As we perhaps all expected, we have had to cancel the Church Family Camp this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. We trust the Lord in this and will explore opportunities to enjoy such a weekend in the future.

## Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 24<sup>th</sup> of November (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

## Lady's - Coffee, Catch up and Conversation

**Watch this spot for ongoing arrangements.**

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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)).

## Session News

Dear Church family, thank you for praying for your Elders here at Shore Pres and the Presbytery (Elders of regional Grace Presbyterian Churches) as they met last Wednesday evening to discuss the way forward in coming days. Presbytery approved the following resolutions to help guide congregations in decision making.

1. Presbytery acknowledges the difficulties the Covid Protection Framework [traffic light system] places on churches and encourages working within the government's currently proposed Covid Protection Framework, whilst ensuring that Gospel ministry is available to all.
2. Before a church undertakes an action of material civil disobedience in regard to the Covid Protection Framework, they need to first confer with Presbytery.
3. We emphasize our essential unity in Christ the Head of the church and commit ourselves to working together in promoting the Gospel.

How this can all be applied for Shore Pres depends somewhat on what may be required by the school for use of the hall, and we are still exploring that. Our goal is to provide ministry to all while both respecting personal conscience choices and being very careful toward those among us whose health is vulnerable.

We will report back soon with a plan for how to gather for worship, bearing in mind that government approaches continue to change and adapt so that plans we establish now may only be interim measures.

We encourage you as you dialogue about these things to do so with thoughtfulness and grace, bearing in mind the glory of God and the good of others. We need to remember that Christ is on the throne, He is not in lockdown, His work is not constrained, indeed He may be calling His church to new ways and contexts for being and serving. Remember that the circumstances of the early church were very different to what we have assumed and experienced as normal and yet the cause of Christ flourished mightily.

Please do feel free to connect with Peter or Paul over these matters.



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