



## **Welcome to Online Worship**

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2021**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Psalm 40:1-4<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.
- <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed is the man who makes  
the Lord his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!

## Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

### Song of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *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.  
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When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there

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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.

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.  
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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

### **Corporate Profession of Faith** Psalm 63:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.
- <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- <sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- <sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

## **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** Philippians 3:12-4:1

## **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**

### *I Surrender All*

Author: Judson W. Van de Venter

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
In his presence daily live.

*I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,  
May I know Thy pow'r divine.

*I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Saviour  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

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All to Thee my blessed Saviour  
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## **Message** Philippians 3:12-4:1 *“Press Forward*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions, next page

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. STRAINING FOR THE GOAL**

#### **II. THE PRESSING GOAL**

**A. To Know Him**

**B. To Be Like Him**

**C. To See Him**

#### **III. STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

**A. A Correct Self-Estimate**

**B. Spiritual Security**

**C. Freed From Our Past**

### **CONCLUSION** The Prize Already Ours

## **Closing Song** When I Survey

Author: Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **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.

### ***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)).

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

**Scripture Reading**     Philippians 3:12-4:1

1. What are the words Paul uses here to describe how he now lives life? What do you think they mean? How do they relate to your approach to life?
2. What are the things Paul actively seeks?
3. Is he earning His standing with God by this pursuit or is he acting out of what He has been given? What has he (and all who believe) been given? Think particularly about verses 12b, 14b and 20. How does that encourage you to press forward?
4. How is it helpful to be freed from the past, see verse 13?
5. How encouraging and ennobling is it to be a citizen of heaven with such a King and such a future?
6. What are ways you can apply the challenges of this passage as you approach a new year?

## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2022

### Sunday Picnic – Today

For those who are able let's plan to meet at Long Bay, somewhere between the playground and the second car park from 12:30.

### Men's ministry

**What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)  
**When** 6:00 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 26<sup>th</sup> of January (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Shore Summer Worship Program

<b>2nd of January</b>	Chris Burton preaching
<b>9th of January</b>	Ian Grant preaching. Ian will be preaching from Taupo and the group of folk meeting for the new church plant in Taupo will be joining in with Shore Pres worship online - how absolutely delightful.
<b>16th of January</b>	Ian Grant preaching - as above
<b>23rd of January</b>	Pastor Pete preaching





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