



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 20TH OF FEBRUARY 2022

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Psalms 133 and 134¹

^{133:1} Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

^{134:1} Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

² Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!

³ May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!

Prayer of adoration and approach

Song of Adoration² & Praise

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Author: Stewart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

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.

Behold the Man upon a cross
My guilt upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powr's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Scripture Meditation Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Corporate Profession of Faith Psalm 46

Leader God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Leader though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Leader God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Leader The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

Leader He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

ALL **“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

Song of preparation for hearing God’s Word

I Cannot Tell

William Y. Fullerton 1929

I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem’s manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,

And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor
When He the Savior, Savior of the world is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world is king!

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 (p9) for further information about the offering.

Message Ephesians 2:11-22 Ian Grant

“How the Gospel speaks to Unity in the Church”

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

INTRODUCTION

The Bible speaks of our alienation from God and from one another. The letter to the Ephesians addresses these issues: e.g; Chapter 2 depicts people alienated from God and also from each other.

Paul is encouraging the Ephesians to recognise who they are, “in Christ” - unified in Him, one in Him, and calls them to live it out in gospel grace.

This call is for us also.

**I. THE PORTRAIT OF AN ALIENATED HUMANITY,
OR WHAT WE WERE, 2:11-12**

Therefore, remember - relates to 2:1-10 - you were dead in sin - alienated...

Ephesians 2:11-12 is unique for it is the only NT text that explicitly tells us to remember our former plight.

**II. THE PORTRAIT OF THE PEACEMAKING CHRIST,
OR WHAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE, 2:13-18**

2:1-10 depicts the individual alienated from God, while, 2:11-22 depicts alienation also from each other at a group/community level.

2:1-3 ‘dead’ 2:11-12 ‘alienated’

2:4 ‘*But God*’ 2:13 ‘*But now*’

**III. THE PORTRAIT OF GOD’S NEW SOCIETY, THE CHURCH,
OR WHAT WE HAVE NOW BECOME, IN CHRIST, 2:19-22**

“*so then*” verse 19. These verses provide the summary conclusion of the whole passage and show how the plight of alienation is overcome by the privilege of life with God. These verses have also been regarded as perhaps the most significant text about the Church in the New Testament.

**Verse 19a - God's *kingdom*; from Stateless verse 12 to citizens
verse 19 - a place of real belonging.**

**Verse 19b - God's *family*; the 'household of God' –
adopted cf. 1:5.**

**Verse 20-22 - God's *temple*; on the foundation of the Apostles
and Prophets, verse 20**

CONCLUSION OUR RESPONSE

Why should we concern ourselves with the issues of Unity?

Closing Song *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.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
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.
To look on him and pardon me.

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

BENEDICTION³

³ 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) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden (imaburden2@gmail.com).

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

1. Context of Ephesians 2. There was a literal wall in the temple court which separated the Gentiles from all the Jews. Consider the depth of feeling, and hostility toward anyone considered to have breached the segregation rules. E.g. Acts 21:27-31
2. Ephesians 2:11-12 What can be gained in remembering who we were when alienated from the Gospel of Grace? How would this encouragement to remember, be applied to those brought up in a Christian home?
3. Discuss the significance of verse 13, "But now, in Christ".
4. Verse 22, "In Him you also are being built together". How can the life of Shore Pres reflect this Gospel truth?

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: 6th of March

Men's Ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
When From 6:00 pm, 8th of March (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
Where TBA
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 23rd of March (4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Pastor Pete Away – today

Pastor Pete is away in the South Island, connecting with seed families and other Church Leaders in Nelson. He will also be attending the Southern Presbytery and a Special General Assembly in Dunedin. In his absence Ian Grant is bringing God's Word via zoom, thank you Ian.



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