



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 27TH OF MARCH 2022

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Matthew 11:25-30¹

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

Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Authors: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder

Let us praise the Saviour's name

He has hushed the Law's loud thunder

He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame

You have washed us with your blood

You have washed us with your blood

You have washed us with your blood

You have brought us near to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us

Pitied us when enemies

Called us by his grace and taught us

Gave us ears and gave us eyes

You have washed us with your blood

You have washed us with your blood

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

²Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

*You have washed us with your blood
You present us whole to God.*

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown

*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You will bring us home to God.*

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more

*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You secured our way to God.*

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky

*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You are worthy Lamb of God*

Professing Faith and Assurance together ***Isaiah 53:3-6***

³ He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

1 John 4:9,10

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 5:1,8

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ... ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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 Acts 15:1-21

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

All I Have is Christ

Author: Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is you

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (REPEAT)

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 (p8) for further information about the offering.

Scripture Reading Acts 15:22-35

Message Acts 15:1-35 *“Praise the Lord for Committees”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CASE FOR WIDE AND WISE COUNSEL

II. THE SIGNIFICANT CRISIS SOLVED

a. The Crises

b. The Discussion

c. The Solution

III. THE GLORIOUS OUTCOME FOR ALL THE CHURCH

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *There is a Redeemer*

Authors: Keith Green

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Oh, for sinners slain.

*Thank you oh my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit,
'Til the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that holy place.

*Thank you oh my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit,
'Til the work on earth is done.*

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.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Acts 15:1-35

1. Did the Church at Antioch function independently? How did they deal with the crises that arose? What do we learn from this about the local Church? How does Presbyterianism find a way of expressing that the Church is bigger than just the local congregation?
2. What was the crucial and significant question that came to the council in Jerusalem? Why was this a watershed moment for the Church? Even for us?
3. What did they conclude and how does that impact our view of salvation? How do we struggle in our own lives between salvation by works and salvation by grace through faith? Why do we struggle? What is so glorious and liberating about the Gospel of free grace?
4. How does it also impact our view of the Christian Church and relationships and fellowship within the Church?

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: 3rd of April

Men's Ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
When From 6:00 pm, 13th of April (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
Where TBA
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 27th of April (4th Wed of the month)
Where **TBA**

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).

Good News

With the changes with vaccine passes and mandates Long Bay Primary School have said we can soon return to worship at the Hall. That means we can resume 10 am services there from Sunday the 10th of April. Praise the Lord for His kindness and bless all of Shore Pres for your faithfulness and patience.

Focussed Prayer Item

As the year progresses, we would encourage you to pray for the Lord to lead us to a new Pastor. Pray also for a very diligent and hard-working Pulpit Committee and continue to pray strength and direction for them.

Music Teams

The Lord continues to provide us with faithful musical people to lead our songs of praise. Do pray for the Lord's enabling of Tom, Miriam, Oliver, Chris, Sophia, Seth and Kerin (from Christchurch for the interim) as they serve. Also Ariel is kindly taking care of the rostering of music teams and administering the Christian Copyright Licensing.



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