



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE 2022**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



## Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

**New to Church?** We do understand that coming to a church meeting can be an uncomfortable experience for many people. We don't want you to feel anxious. Our style is relaxed and friendly and nobody will be put on the spot or asked to do something unfamiliar. ***You can simply be here and observe or participate to the degree you are comfortable.*** You do not have to be a Christian; this is an opportunity, in a non-threatening environment to learn more about who Jesus is and why we want to follow him. If you don't feel like praying, singing, or even standing up you don't need to, no one will think less of you. We will try to explain some aspects of the meeting as we go but we realise that some of our practices may seem strange. If you have any questions about why we do any of the things we do please don't hesitate to ask anyone who's involved with the service. Our pastor would love to answer any questions you have about the service or the message.

**Thanks again for joining with us this morning. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.**

## **Call to Worship** Psalms 95:1-7a<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

## **Prayer of adoration, confession and approach**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *How Great Thou Art*

Author: Carl Gustav Boberg

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed,  
*Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art  
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

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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.

*Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art  
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

And when I think of God, his son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin,

*Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art  
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow with humble adoration  
And then proclaim "My God how great Thou art!"

*Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art  
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

### **Confession and Repentance** *Titus 2:11-14*

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,  
<sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. **Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace** *Heidelberg Catechism*

**Question 60.** *How are you righteous before God?*

**Answer.** Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

## **Professing Faith in Song** *This I Believe*

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting

The all creating one

God Almighty

Through your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father*

*I believe in Christ the Son*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit*

*Our God is three in one*

*I believe in the resurrection*

*That we will rise again*

*For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our Judge and our Defender

Suffered and crucified

Forgiveness is in you

Descended into darkness

You rose in glorious life

Forever seated high

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

**Bridge** *I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
And I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

## **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 18:18-28 (Church Bible p927) *Chris*

### **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 (p13) for further information about the offering.

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

#### *Build My Life*

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and  
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus, the name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
You're worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and  
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken  
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Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and  
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

**Message Acts 18:18-28**

*“God’s Big Plan Includes Little People”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

**INTRODUCTION**



**I. GOD’S PREVAILING PURPOSES**

**A. Quick overview**

**B. God’s Plan for Ephesus**

**C. God’s Plan for Salvation**



## **II. GOD PROVIDES THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING**

**A. Apollos**

**B. Priscilla and Aquila**

## **III. WE ARE ALL NECESSARY**

**A. No Celebrities**

**B. God is the Star**

**C. Pray the Lord of the Harvest**

**D. Only Servants Need Apply**

## **CONCLUSION**

## **Closing Song** *The Servant King*

Author: Graham Kendrick

From heaven you came, Helpless babe  
Entered our world, Your glory veiled  
Not to be served, but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn

'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said  
*This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King*

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered

*This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King*

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer

*This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King*

## **BENEDICTION**

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

**Scripture Reading** Acts 18:1-17

1. Take time to trace Paul's travels in this section from Corinth all the way back through Syrian Antioch to Ephesus for a 3-year ministry there. Remember Acts 16:6. What are we reminded of concerning God's sovereign plans? What are those plans about?
2. What can you learn from the life and ministry of Apollos? How does he challenge us?
3. What can you learn from the life and ministry of Priscilla and Aquila? How do they challenge us?
4. What place do we have in God's sovereign plans? Do we feel like we don't matter? How would Scripture answer that? Do we feel like serving God and His kingdom purposes is the greatest privilege of our lives? Why or why not?
5. What hinders fervent service? Where do we need to go to change all of that?
6. Take time to pray for labourers in God's vineyard. Pray for yourself and one another to be the answer to that prayer.

## 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> of July

### Men's Ministry

**What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)  
**When** From 6:30 pm, 13<sup>th</sup> of July (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Where** Pastor Pete's home  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 22<sup>nd</sup> of June (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Combined Northern Presbytery Worship

**What** To instal Lenny Long to Pastoral Ministry  
**When** 3:30 pm, Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, followed with a celebration braai/dinner. **Note date change.**  
**Where** Takanini School Hall, entrance off Old Park Place

## News regarding the Brazilian Missionaries coming to Shore

Because of Covid and border restrictions, for a number of years we have been waiting and planning for Pastor Marcos Oliveira dos Santos and his wife Edenise and children Lucas, Stephanie, and André, to come to New Zealand and be hosted here at Shore Pres. They are to serve with us for a couple of years as they learn language and culture. Now with the borders opening up and the provision of a new interim visa we may be welcoming them in the next couple of months. Praise the Lord.

## Lady's Ministry

**What** Mid-winter Brunch  
**When** Saturday, 2nd of July, 11.am  
**Where** A'ruma Malaysian Restaurant, 88 Te Oneroa Way, Torbay,  
**Cost** \$10 per person (the rest is subsidized)  
**Contact** Please RSVP by the 24th of June - sharmini.paddick@gmail.com

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June

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	Karen van B and Nicki Sartori	Dennis	Dennis, Douglas Goncalves and Allan Huang	Dennis, Douglas, Allan & Volunteers	Volunteers

### ***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)).

## **Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest** (more available on the website: [shorepres.org.nz](http://shorepres.org.nz))

**We want to be a community of grace.** The Church has not always represented Jesus well; sometimes it has been harsh and hurtful. Often people are struggling with great hurts in life as well as great questions and doubts. We desire to be a community that provides acceptance and allows for time to heal and room to work through doubts and fears as we all learn together from the grace and wisdom that Jesus offers.

**We want to love and to serve.** One of the great joys of being a Christian is in knowing how much Jesus, who is God, has loved and served us. So in response we seek to love and serve others, both within the Christian community and into the community in which we live. We hope that the warmth of our Sunday meetings expresses something of that Jesus kind of love.

**We want to worship.** We are committed to meeting to worship God for His glory and grace and that our gathered worship is the high point of our lives. We also believe that worship extends to every part of our lives and our daily pursuits and that we serve and honour Him in all that we do. We are committed to corporate worship that embraces and respects those who may not yet believe. For that reason we try to practice a worship that is orderly and understandable; and that does not demand any more involvement than a visitor is willing or able to give.

**We want to be missional.** That is to say we, don't believe we exist as Christians for our own sake. Rather Christ has commanded and modelled for us a way of life marked by neighbour love. We are to do good in the world and to care for our culture and our communities. We are to serve Him where we worship, where we work, where we study, where we live, even where we play. We also believe that the Good News of sins forgiven and everlasting life through the death and resurrection of Jesus is the message that everyone needs to hear.

**We believe the Bible.** That is to say, we believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that that is where God speaks authoritatively. The Bible is the place to find answers to the great questions of life. So the Bible takes central place in our worship, our gatherings and in our lives.

**We believe the Gospel.** We believe the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God who died and rose again to bring us into an eternal relationship with God through the forgiveness of sins.

**We believe in Jesus.** We believe that the man Jesus was born of a virgin and is the Son of God, that He lived a fully obedient life and gave His life as a substitute on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so that we could be forgiven, declared righteous in Him and live forever with Him in a new heaven and a new earth. We believe He rose from the dead and reigns now and will come again in victory.

**We are Confessional.** We also hold to a statement of beliefs called the Westminster Confession of Faith. It is secondary to the Bible but helpfully sets out in ordered form what we believe the Bible teaches on important doctrines. Elders and pastors vow commitment to that confession at their ordination.

**We are Presbyterian.** This relates particularly to our form of government. Local church is led by elders who conform to biblical standards for leadership and are elected by the congregation who desire their spiritual care and oversight. Elders from a number of local churches also serve in regional bodies called Presbytery, which also provides wider wisdom and help to the local congregations. The Church leadership also meets once a year in a national assembly to consult on matters of importance to the whole church.

**We are Reformed.** Our doctrinal standards reflect something of the theology of the Reformation in Europe and Great Britain which revived a number of key biblical commitments: Scripture alone, salvation through faith alone, by grace alone, through Christ alone for the glory of God alone. The Reformed faith has a strong sense of the sovereignty of God over the world, its people and its history, and calls for us to submit to His sovereignty in our own lives. This we gladly do since we believe the biblical view is the only one that makes sense of reality.

**We are Complementarian.** We take seriously what the Bible teaches about the creation of men and women, that they equally bear the image and likeness of God and are equal in dignity and worth. We also believe the Bible teaches unique roles for men and women which are not about status but about finding fulfilment in serving God in the ways He has designed.

**We are Covenantal.** We believe that God in Christ makes a commitment to His people which the Bible calls a covenant. It expresses His abiding faithfulness to His promises and calls us also to our responsibility in the covenant arrangement to be obedient and faithful. In particular the Bible teaches that God makes a commitment to Christian families which give great spiritual privileges to the children and remind them that they have great responsibility to walk in the faith of their parents which is their spiritual inheritance, and that to rebel brings greater judgement. We believe that children should receive the blessing of baptism because of the position they have before God.

***User warning:** It's a little risky to state right up front what we believe. Such things can be open to misunderstanding or simply viewed as arrogant. Nevertheless not stating them is just as problematical since it leaves people in the dark about what we are committed to. And the bottom line is that for the church to be the church it is significantly committed to something. That being said, please recognise that these are simple statements for ease of reading. They cannot answer all the questions they may create. Those discussions are left to other opportunities – like visiting with us to hear more or by contacting Peter our pastor to discuss them.*



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