



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 26th 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 1 Chronicles 16:28-31¹

²⁸ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness;

³⁰ tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have not done those things
which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.

But You, O Lord are merciful.

Forgive us, O Lord, as we confess our faults.

Restore us as we repent,
according to Your promises
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may live a godly,
righteous, and holy life,

To the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**²

Prayer of adoration and approach

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

² Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Author: Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love,
Behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate⁴ of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably⁵ sublime.

³Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

⁴'Potentate' means a ruler, a sovereign king or power and one who wields great power or sway, thus the Lord wields sovereign power over all time and history.

⁵'Ineffable' means 'too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words'. This word coupled with 'sublime' which means 'of very great excellence or beauty' causes us to love, praise and trust the God whose beauty and excellence is ultimately beyond the scope of mere words to fully describe.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Leaning on The Everlasting Arms

Author: Author: E.A. Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Corporate Profession of Faith Psalm 40:1-5

Leader I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,

Leader and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

People He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

Leader Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

People Blessed is the man who makes
the LORD his trust,

Leader who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!

All ***You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.***

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.

Song of Praise *Near The Cross*

Author: Fannie Crosby

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.
*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;*

*Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Shed his beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Search me, O God

J. Edwin Orr, 1936.⁶

Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy word and make me pure within;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;

⁶ Edwin Orr wrote these words at a revival meeting in Ngaruawahia, New Zealand, taking less than five minutes to put them down on paper.

Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 24 (Church Bible p246)

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.

Message 1 Samuel 24 *"An Opportunity Missed on Purpose"*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. THE OPPORTUNITY, verses 1-7

A. For David

B. For Jesus

C. For us

II. THE PURPOSE, verses 8-15

A. A challenging example

B. Ending the cycle of violence

III. THE OUTCOME, verses 16-22

A. God's king reflects God's character

Closing Song *10,000 Reasons*

Author: Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger
Your name is great, and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name (REPEAT)*

BENEDICTION⁷

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 24

1. What opportunity/temptation was David offered?
 - How might his life have changed, for better and for worse, if he had taken it? (verses 11-13)

2. What are some common "opportunities" Christians are faced with that might actually go against God's purposes?
 - What would it look like to re-evaluate those opportunities/temptations in light of the mercy Jesus has shown us? (See 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

3. (Perhaps in pairs) What opportunities to grasp for worldly success do you personally find the most tempting?
 - How can this group/who in the group could support you to mercifully miss that opportunity on purpose? (See Hebrews 10:24-25)

⁷ 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.

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, 7:00-9:00 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 July, *next week*

Men's Ministry

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

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 27th of July (4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

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, *this week*
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 3rd of July – Fellowship Lunch

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	Anna Knapp and Debbie Port	Dennis	Dennis, Justin Port and Paul Burton	Dennis, Justin, Paul & 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) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden (imaburden2@gmail.com).

Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest (more available on the website: 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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