



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OF JULY 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 57:1-3, 9-11<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

<sup>2</sup> I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfils his purpose for me.

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! ...

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!

## **Prayer of adoration and approach**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & 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

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My guilt upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice

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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.

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

### ***Indescribable***

Author: Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing your majesty,  
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming,

*Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name,  
You are amazing God.  
All powerful, untamable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God.*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom,

*Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name,  
You are amazing God.*

*All powerful, untameable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God, you are amazing God.*

*Indescribable uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name,  
You are amazing God.*

*Incomparable, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same  
You are amazing God,  
You are amazing God.*

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance**

Psalm 51:1,2,10,12

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin! ...
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me. ...
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

### **Corporate Assurance of Grace** Psalm 32:5,7

- <sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord",  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin...
- <sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

## **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** 1 Samuel 25 (Church Bible p247)

## **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**

*You're the Word of God*

Authors: Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father,  
From before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory,  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,

With a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

## **Message** 1 Samuel 25 “A Blessed Peacemaker”

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

- I. TWO FOOLS, verses 1-13**
  - A. Nabal**
  - B. David**
  - C. Our consciences aren't fool proof**

## II. THE PEACEMAKER, verses 14-35

- A. Abigail
- B. Jesus
- C. Being a peacemaker

## III. A HAPPY ENDING verses 36-44

- A. Justice after all
- B. A wedding

### **Closing Song** He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

### Interlude

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

### **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

#### **Scripture Reading    1 Samuel 25**

1. In what sense were Nabal and David Fools?
  - What are some ways we can over-rely on our consciences?
2. What did Abigail do that brought about peace?
3. What has Jesus done to bring peace?
  - Who is that peace for and with? (Romans 4:23-5:1)
  - What are some ways we try to "work salvation with our own hands"? (verses 26 & 33) And how does Jesus' peace speak to that?
4. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers like him (Philippians 2:5-8), how do we do that?
  - What has he given us to help? (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)
  - What is one situation in your life now that needs gospel peace? Allow the group to speak gospel truth into that situation and pray.

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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.

## 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 7<sup>th</sup> of August

### Men's Ministry

**What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)  
**When** From 6:30 pm, 10<sup>th</sup> of August (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Where** Pastor Pete's home  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Prayer Meeting

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

### Update on Russell and Sarah Thomas – potential new Pastor

Wonderfully encouraging news, Russell and Sarah have been able to secure a medical exemption that, Lord willing, will enable them to come to New Zealand. We are currently processing a Critical Purpose Visa which would enable them to come sooner rather than later and then they would apply for a Work Visa here. There is a small window before the end of July to apply for the first visa so do pray for that process. In the meantime they have booked to come for a brief initial visit us from the 29<sup>th</sup> of July to the 7<sup>th</sup> of August. This will enable us to get to know them as we seek the Lord's will for the future. Russel and Sarah will come with baby Evangeline and Russell will preach on both the 31<sup>st</sup> of July and the 7<sup>th</sup> of August.

## Pastor Pete in Brazil

Pastor Pete, along with Pastor Geoff Macpherson will be visiting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPB) from the 21<sup>st</sup> of July to the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. This is a visit to strengthen relationships with that Church as they seek to send men to serve as a missionaries among us. Do pray safety and kingdom fruit for that journey. In Peter's absence Peter Reynolds is kindly preaching on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and Russell Thomas on the following two Sundays.

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July

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	Lydia Song	Dennis	Dennis and Song Family	Dennis, Song Family and 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)).



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