



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 14TH OF AUGUST 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 Philippians 2:5-11¹

.....Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *O Great God*

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised

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.

With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

Satisfied

Author: Clara T. Wilson

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!
The one my soul so long had craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!
The one my soul so long had craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

*Hallelujah! He has found me!
The one my soul so long had craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through his blood I now am saved.*

Corporate prayer of assurance and thanksgiving *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 Colossians 1:15-2:7 (Church Bible p983)

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 (p10) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

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.*

Message Colossians 1:24 *"What is my passion?"*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. REJOICING IN SUFFERING

II. THE KEY IS MOTIVATION

III. THE POWER OF GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

IV. CHRIST AS MODEL, MOTIVATION AND POWER

V. FILLING UP WHAT IS LACKING

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *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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BENEDICTION³

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:24

1. Can Colossians 1:24 be applied to us today? How?
2. As 21st Century Christians can we be a little mixed up about the true source of joy? How is it that Paul can make the incredible statement, “I rejoice in my sufferings”?
3. What are the two things that Paul is willing to suffer for? How does that challenge our priorities and our loves?
4. How is Christ our model, motivation and power?
5. What does it mean to say there is something lacking in Christ’s afflictions and how are they filled up by Paul’s sufferings?

Here are some passages referred to in the sermon: *1 Corinthians 11:1; Acts 5:41; Acts 9:15,16; Acts 20:22-24; Philippians 3:7-11; Luke 9:22-24; John 15:18-20; Romans 9:3; Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17; 2 Timothy 3:12.*

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.

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: 4th of September

Men's Ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
When From 6:30 pm, 14th of September (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
Where Pastor Pete's home
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 24th of August (4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Important Congregational Meeting

We will have a Congregational Meeting straight after morning worship today. This is an important meeting to discuss and decide if we would like to issue a Call to Russell Thomas to be our Pastor.

Pastor Pete and Jan's Timetable

Please continue in prayer for the transitions that are ahead of us as a Church. Dates are becoming clearer and Peter and Janet's last Sunday with us will be the 30th of October.

News regarding our Brazilian Missionaries coming to Shore

Hallelujah! The Visas for Pastor Marcos, Edenise, and children Lucas, Stephanie, and André, to come to New Zealand have been approved. ***They will now be arriving on the 26th of September.*** Here are some of the practical things we need to be getting in place:

1. Is there someone in the church who would be able to host a family of 5 (there are no children, all three kids are over the age of 16) for a month max, hopefully less, as we are already looking for a home for him to rent.
2. Is there anyone who has a storage space/garage we can use to store items we collect for their home. There are already some donated items that need to be stored immediately. Also, if we find any great bargains on household items, we would be able to purchase and store them, thus saving them money, so it would be immensely helpful if someone could provide a spot for us to use for about 2-3 months.
3. Also Nicky has spoken with Marcos and has made a list of things they need in an excel spreadsheet. We will email out further details.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 21st of August

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	Ingrid Goodenough and Amy Munroe	Dennis	Dennis, Paul Goodenough and Carl Paddick	Dennis, Paul, Carl 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) 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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