



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 21st 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 1 Chronicles 16:8-12¹

- ⁸ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- ⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
- ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- ¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
- ¹² Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

Prayer of adoration, and approach

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

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

² Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

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.

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise *Holy Holy Holy*

Author: Reginald Heber

Holy holy holy

Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy holy holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons

Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy

Though the darkness hide Thee

Though the eye of sinful man

Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy

There is none beside Thee

Perfect in power

In love and purity

Holy holy holy

Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth and sky and sea

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

Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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.*

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 26 (Church Bible p249)

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 (p12) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Turn Your Eyes

by Sovereign Grace Music

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the Lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

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Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Message 1 Samuel 26 “How to have more Confidence Today”

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT DAVID DOES (verses 1-12)

A. Recap

B. Into the camp

C. God is with them

II. WHAT DAVID SAYS (verses 13-25)

A. About his relationships with people

B. About his relationship with God

III. HOW WE CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE

A. What's true for David is true for us

B. Some promises to cling to

C. The drama of redemption

Closing Song *My Hope Is Built*

Author: Edward Mote

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

BENEDICTION⁴

DOXOLOGY

May the Lord, loving God
 Bless and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
 courage in every endeavor
Lift your eyes and see God's face
 know His grace forever
May the Lord, mighty God
 Bless and keep you forever.

⁴ 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 1 Samuel 26

1. When do you feel most confident?
 - What is your confidence in, in those moments?
2. What does David do that demonstrates confidence?
 - Why do you think he takes Abishai along with him?
3. How does David reframe the situation with his speech? (see verses 19-20 and 23-24)
 - What could be a modern-day example of that? (see Philippians 1:12)
4. How does Jesus' gospel make what's true for David even more true for us?
 - What are some promises God makes to us that give us confidence?

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), ***this week***
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

A Second Congregational Meeting

We need to have another brief Special Congregational Meeting straight after morning worship, next Sunday, the 28th of August. This is in order to decide whether to accept the resignation of Peter as Pastor. Ultimately it is the Presbytery that dissolves the Pastoral tie but, according to our Book of Church Order, the Congregation has opportunity and right to decide whether it wishes "to appear by its commissioners to show cause why the Presbytery should or should not accept the resignation" (Book of Church Order 23:1).

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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