



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 28th 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 Colossians 1:15-20¹

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Arise My Soul Arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise

Shake off your guilty fears;

The bleeding sacrifice,

In my behalf appears;

Before the throne my Surety stands,

Before the throne my Surety stands,

My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,

For me to intercede;

His all redeeming love,

His precious blood, to plead;

His blood atoned for every race,

His blood atoned for every race,

And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

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.

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Saviour he can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Saviour he can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus (**REPEAT**)
Saviour he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

Corporate prayer *Psalm 139:1-12, 17-18, 23-24*

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

People: **You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

People: **You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

Leader: Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

People: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol³, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night", even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

ALL: **How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!**
How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.

³ "Sheol" is the proper name for the place where people go after death or a poetic term for the grave. The verse contrasts two extreme places, Heaven and Sheol and affirms that no matter how high or low we may go, we cannot escape the gracious presence of God.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting! Amen!**

Ministry Matters *Geoff and Jaia's last Sunday with us*

Thank you both so much for spending these last 3 months with us, you have enriched our lives. May the Lord lead you in the coming days.

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 1:21-2:8 (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 (p11) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Speak O Lord

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.

Message Colossians 1:27b

"Could there be anything more wonderful?"

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. POWER FOR CHANGE

II. THE FORETASTE OF GLORY

III. THE GUARANTEE OF MORE

IV. THE BEST IS YET TO COME

V. ALL WE NEED

VI. A GRACIOUS GIFT

VII. A CHEQUE UNCASHED?

Closing Song *Be Thou My Vision*

Author: Dalan Forgail

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:27b

1. Think about the glory of the indwelling Christ. What does this mean? How is it unique? How is it radical? Why is it so necessary to grasp this as we seek to grow and change?
2. How is it a foretaste of glory? How does this provide a balanced view of what we can expect in the present and what we can expect in the future?
3. In this verse, “Paul answers the demand for the richest experience of God that it is permissible for human beings to have” (Dick Lucas). Do we know this? Do we experience this? Do we settle for too little from God? Is this, for us, a “cheque uncashed”? How can we know and experience more the greatness of this reality?

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.

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, *next Sunday*

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, 28th of September (4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Special Congregational Meeting

We need to have another brief Special Congregational Meeting straight after morning worship, today, 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 4th of September – Fellowship Meal

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	Debbie Port and Karen van Bemmelen	Dennis	Dennis, Justin and Debbie Port	Dennis, Justin, Debbie 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).



PASTOR PETER BOYD

Office 473 9390 **Mobile** 021 0367 957

Email petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz

PO Box 89076 Torbay Auckland 0742

shorepres.org.nz

www.facebook.com/shorepres