



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 11TH OF SEPTEMBER 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 Ephesians 1:3-10¹

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight...

Prayer of adoration and thankfulness

Songs of Adoration² & Praise All Creatures

Author: St. Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care

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

² Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Authors: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Saviour's name
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have brought us near to God.*

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You present us whole to God.*

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood*

*You have washed us with your blood
You will bring us home to God.*

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more

*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You secured our way to God.*

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky

*You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You have washed us with your blood
You are worthy Lamb of God*

Time of Confession and Repentance Colossians 1:15-20

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.

Assurance of Grace Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before

him,²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel ...

Profession of Faith *Heidelberg Catechism*³

Question 56. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

Answer. I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

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 1:24-29 (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

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.

³ The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th Century document used primarily in Reformed churches for instruction in the Christian faith.

*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.*

Message Colossians 1:24-29 “*What Should I Be Now?*”

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. THE NATURE OF TRUE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

a. Service

b. Stewardship

c. Struggle

II. THE FOCUS OF TRUE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

a. Proclaiming the Word

b. Proclaiming Christ

c. Presenting Mature

III. THE METHOD OF TRUE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

IV. THE POWER FOR TRUE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *May The Mind Of Christ*

Authors: Kate B. Wilkinson

May the mind of Christ, my Saviour,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only him.

BENEDICTION⁴

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.

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).

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:24-29

1. Do you think it is important to understand what true Christian ministry is, according to Scripture? Why is it important? What would it mean to *recognize, encourage* and *develop* true Christian ministry?
2. From Colossians 1:24-29, discuss the meaning of ministry as Servanthood, Stewardship and Struggle. Are these characteristics meant to belong to “official” Church leadership only? Discuss. How can we develop these qualities in the life of the Church and what impact might that have?
3. Discuss verse 29. Why is it so important to understand the power of Christ at work within us to do His will? What difference does it make?
4. Is it true that if we are mature in Christ we will know more of His power at work within us? Discuss. What role do we have in each other’s lives to encourage that maturity so that we may see more power and more fruit for Christ?

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: 2nd of October

Men's Ministry

Due to Pastor Pete's coming departure from Shore Pres this ministry will be in recess until further notice.

Farewell to Amy

Amy Munroe will be moving to Hamilton shortly with her family. Sadly her last Sunday with us is the 25th of this month. Amy, we will miss you. Thank you for being a faithful servant here at Shore Pres. May the Lord guide your steps on your new adventure and provide all that is needful to bless you so you can continue to bless others.

There is an opportunity to join together and say good-bye to Amy:

When 11 am, Saturday the 17th of September
Where A'ruma Malaysian, 88 Te Oneroa Way, Long Bay
RSVP Sharmini, by Thursday the 15th, Sharmini.paddick@gmail.com

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 28th of September (4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Presbytery Youth Camp

Covenant Presbyterian Church is going to be hosting a Presbytery Youth Camp, however, they would like to know how much interest there will be. The camp is pencilled in for December the 2nd to the 4th at Shakespeare Park. Could you please let Paul Burton or Pastor Pete know by the 18th of September if you are keen.

Annual General Meeting

We will be having our AGM straight after worship, Sunday the 2nd of October

Bye Bye Bike Ride

We will be having a day bike trip as a fun way of spending time with Pete and Janet before they go. Peter and Janet love bike riding, so what better way to spend time with them. The Ride is about 48kms. It is a flat ride for most of the time so you don't have to be super fit to attend!

When: Saturday October 2nd

Where: Waihi to Paeroa and back.

What to bring:

A mountain Bike (as we will be on gravel and mud)

Head lamp or bike torch for the tunnel.

Spare clothes (in case you get rained on), some snacks.

If you need help sorting out a ride, contact Chris Burton on 0223454131 or chris@burtonfamily.co.nz

Accommodation for General Assembly

Grace Presbyterian is having its Annual General Assembly from Monday the 3rd through the 7th of October at Covenant in Manurewa. Pastors and Elders from around New Zealand will be in Auckland for that week. If anybody is able to provide a bed and breakfast for approximately four nights, please let Paul or Peter know.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 18th of September

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	Karen van B and Nicky Sartori	Dennis	Dennis, Allan Huang and Jonathan Munroe	Dennis, Allan, Jonathan and Volunteers	Volunteers

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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