



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 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** Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:12, 13<sup>1</sup>

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!”...

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”...

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and might and honour and glory and blessing!”...

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory  
and might for ever and ever!” **Amen**

## **Prayer of adoration, confession and thankfulness**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *Who Am I*

Casting Crowns

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth  
Would care to know my name  
Would care to feel my hurt?  
Who am I, that the bright and morning star  
Would choose to light the way  
For my ever wandering heart?

Not because of who I am  
But because of what You've done  
Not because of what I've done  
But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading  
Here today and gone tomorrow  
A wave tossed in the ocean  
A vapor in the wind  
Still You hear me when I'm calling

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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.

Lord, You catch me when I'm falling  
You've told me who I am  
I am Yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love  
And watch me rise again?  
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea  
Would call out through the rain  
And calm the storm in me?

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## ***When Peace like a River***

Author: Horatio Spafford

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well (It is well), With my soul (With my soul)*  
*It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

*It is well (It is well), With my soul (With my soul)*  
*It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

My sin, Oh the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Oh my soul!

*It is well (It is well), With my soul (With my soul)*  
*It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

*It is well (It is well), With my soul (With my soul)*  
*It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

## **Corporate Profession of Faith** Romans 8:31-39

**Leader** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**People** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**Leader** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

**People** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**Leader** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**People** As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

**Leader** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**ALL**     *- for I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## **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 1:24-2:7 (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 (p11) for further information about the offering.

## **Song of preparation for hearing God’s Word**

### *The Lord is my Salvation*

Words And Music By Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockels And Jonas Myrin © 2016

The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

*(Chorus) Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won  
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need  
When I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days  
The Lord is my salvation  
*Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won  
The Lord is my salvation*

And when I reach my final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise,  
He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation  
*Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won  
The Lord is my salvation*

Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
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## **Message** Colossians 2:1-7 *“The Solution to the Puzzle”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. THE TREASURY OF TRUE KNOWLEDGE**

- a. All
- b. Wisdom and knowledge
- c. Treasure?!?
- d. Counterfeits

#### **II. THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFE**

- a. “In Him” – union with Christ
- b. Walk, rooted and built
- c. “As” you received Him...

### **CONCLUSION**



## **Closing Song** *I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say*

*Author: Horatius Bonar*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I'll walk  
Till traveling days are done.

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

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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.

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

### Scripture Reading Colossians 2:1-7

1. Paul says in Colossians 2:3 that in Christ “are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”. What kind of false teaching might he be countering (cf 2:4, 8)? What are some “plausible arguments” in our culture, or even the church, today, which sound wise but are contrary to what Christ says and to what Christ offers?
2. Think about “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”. What is the importance of the word “all”? Discuss how our culture wants to relegate Christian faith to the realm of emotions and make it irrelevant in the world of the mind.
3. What is biblical wisdom (Proverbs 3:13-16; 4:5-9). How is wisdom shown in Christ (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)? How much do we “treasure” Christ our wisdom?
4. What does it mean to “walk in him, rooted and built up in him”? How are you doing that? How can we help each other? We are to do this “as” we had received Christ. Share how you received Christ and discuss how that guides how you continue to live in him now.

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#### ***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)).

## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> of October

### Men's Ministry

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

### Prayer Meeting

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

### Annual General Meeting

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

### Praise the Lord for His Provision

The Lord has been good indeed. Russell Thomas has accepted the call to Pastor here at Shore Pres and he and Sarah and family are due to arrive in New Zealand on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

## 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 1st

**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](mailto:chris@burtonfamily.co.nz)

## Accommodation for General Assembly

Grace Presbyterian is having its Annual General Assembly from Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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	Janet Boyd and Amy Munroe	Dennis	Dennis, Justin and Debbie Port	Dennis, Justin, Debbie and Volunteers	Volunteers

## **Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest** (more available on the website: [shorepres.org.nz](http://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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