



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 9th OF OCTOBER 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 Psalms 73:25-28¹

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;

you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God;

I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,

that I may tell of all your works.

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *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

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.

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.*

As the Deer

Martin J. Nystrom, 1981

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

I want you more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though you are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

Corporate Profession of Faith Psalm 23

Leader The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

Leader He restores my soul.

People He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil,

People for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

Leader You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

People you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

All **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever. Amen.**

Mission Matters Michelle Thompson

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 Psalms 73 (Church Bible p485)

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 (p9) 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 *Psalm 73* “The pressure to give up”

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

- a. **A spiritual truth, verse 1**
- b. **A crisis of faith, verses 2-3**
- c. **A gracious freedom to express doubt and struggle**

1. PRESSURE No. 1 – The apparent ease of not following God, verses 4-12

- a. **A picture of ease, verses 4-9, 12**
- b. **Celebrities, verse 10**
- c. **It appears no one has to give an account, verse 11**

2. PRESSURE No. 2 – My life is rough! verses 13-14

- a. **What I knew seems back the front**
- b. **Temptation and the misinterpretation of pain**

3. THE SOLUTION BEGINS – The family of God, verses 15-16

4. THE SOLUTION FOUND – In the presence of God, verse 17

5. THE SOLUTION ITSELF, verses 18-28

- a. **The final tragic reversal, verses 18-20**
- b. **The abiding presence of God is what really matters, verses 21-26**

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *Be Thou My Vision*

Author: Dalan Forgaill

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.

BENEDICTION³

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.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Psalm 73

1. What were the two particular pressures that challenged Asaph? In what ways do you relate to his struggles? What are the dangers of bitterness about our lot in life?
2. How is it encouraging to think that God gives us the freedom to bring our doubts, fears and struggles to Him?
3. How did Asaph find the solution? What was the solution? What are the implications for us?
4. How can we misinterpret struggle and pain in life?
5. What does it mean to “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7) in this context? How can we help each other to do that?
6. What do you find valuable about the great confession in verses 23-26?

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).

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: 6th of November

Farewell to Pete and Janet – Sunday lunch

Pastor Pete's last Sunday with us is the 30th of October. There will be a farewell lunch after the morning service. There will also be others attending for this occasion. Please feel free to invite anyone you know who might appreciate the opportunity to come say good-bye also.

Farewell to Janet

What Opportunity for the ladies to say good-bye to Janet
Where Chands Indian Restaurant Rothesay Bay
When Wednesday the 26th of October at 6.00pm.

Please RSVP by 21st of October to sharmini.paddick@gmail.com

Covenant Reformation Conference 2022

What *The heartbeat of the Reformation*
When Saturday October 29th, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm,
Where 77 Rogers Rod, Manurewa

More info in flyer on back table

Men's Ministry

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

Prayer Meeting

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Newest GPCNZ Church Plant - Hamilton

A new plant is beginning in Hamilton in 2023 lead by Bruwer Vroon from Gisborne. Please be in prayer for Bruwer, Anna and their children as they make this transition. Tell folk you know in the Waikato who are looking for a Church. And if you are able to help financially, please send contributions to Grace Hamilton, 12-3170-0107007-00. There are reminder bookmarks on the back table.

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 29th.

Where: Paeroa to Waihi 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

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 16th of October

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 Janet Boyd	Dennis	Dennis, Paul, Ben and Julie	Dennis, Paul, Ben, Julie and Volunteers	Volunteers



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