



## **Welcome to Worship**

SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2022

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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** Psalm 95:1-7<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

## **Prayer of Confession and Repentance**

### **Corporate Reading of Salvation by Grace** Ephesians 2:1-9

**Leader** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

**People** **among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**

**Leader** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

**People** **and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

**ALL**      ***For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.***

## **Song of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise**

Your Love Oh Lord

Authors: Third Day

Your love, oh Lord

Reaches to the heavens

Your faithfulness stretches to the sky

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains

Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

*I will lift my voice,  
To worship You, my King  
I will find my strength,  
In the shadow of Your wings*

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

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>3</sup>**

Q1. What is man's primary purpose?

*Man's primary purpose is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.*

**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** Hebrews 13:1-19 (Church Bible pg 1009)

## **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.<sup>4</sup>

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

*O Great God*

O great God of highest heaven

Occupy my lowly heart

Own it all and reign supreme

Conquer every rebel power

Let no vice or sin remain

That resists Your holy war

You have loved and purchased me

Make me Yours forevermore

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<sup>3</sup> Text is from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English* by Douglas F. Kelly and Philip Rollinson

<sup>4</sup> **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 an elder or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden

([imaburden2@gmail.com](mailto:imaburden2@gmail.com)).

I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me

**Message** Hebrews 13:9-14

Title: Outsiders for Jesus, our Reward

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

- The dangerous attraction of 'new and interesting' teaching and the trap of adding to Christ's finished work
- God's grace is our eternal food
- The struggle of shame in identifying as a Christian
- The rewards far outweigh the loss

**The Lord's Supper** *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 13. If you have questions about these things, please contact one of the Elders.

## **Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper**

### *And Can It Be*

Author: Charles Wesley

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain,  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left his Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

*My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

## **Prayer at the Lord's Table**

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

### **Closing Song**

#### *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Author: Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.



His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
Behold His hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His wondering eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate<sup>5</sup> of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably<sup>6</sup> sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

## **BENEDICTION<sup>7</sup>**

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<sup>5</sup> 'Potentate' means a ruler, a sovereign king or power and one who wields great power or sway, thus the Lord wields sovereign power over all time and history.

<sup>6</sup> 'Ineffable' means 'too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words'. This word coupled with 'sublime' which means 'of very great excellence or beauty' causes us to love, praise and trust the God whose beauty and excellence is ultimately beyond the scope of mere words to fully describe.

<sup>7</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**    **Hebrews 13:9-14; 1. Leviticus 16 (esp.vv.15-28)**

1. Leviticus 16 (esp.vv.15-28) provides some of the context for what is written in these verses. What do you make of these instructions?
2. What kinds of 'diverse and strange' teachings (v.9) have you been attracted to as a Christian? (Focus on what has attracted you, rather than what you can blame others for)
3. In what ways do new ideas tend to push us towards legalism (9-10)?
4. In what ways do you find the comparison on Jesus to the Old Testament sacrifices helpful (11-12)? Specifically, what does his sacrificial death accomplish, and how are we brought near to God? (hint: think justification)
5. Being an 'outsider' is not a pleasant thought (11-13). Do you struggle with this idea? How can you make it a more attractive reality?

## 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: 4<sup>th</sup> of December

### Men's Ministry and Prayer Meeting

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

### Debbie and Justin's Baby Shower

**Date** Saturday, 19 November 2022  
**Time** 10:00 am  
**Where** 59a Sunset Road, Totara Vale  
**RSVP:** Sharmini via email: [sharmini.paddick@gmail.com](mailto:sharmini.paddick@gmail.com)

### Order of Service and Notices

Karen van Bemmelen has very kindly offered to take care of the Orders of Service and Notices over November and December. If you have any notices, please forward them to her.

<b>Ministry Calendar for November/December</b>
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- 13 Nov**      **Worship Leader:** Steve Bilton    **Preacher:** Geoff Vucetich
- 20 Nov**      **Worship Leader:** Paul Burton    **Preacher:** Mark Wallace
- 27 Nov**      **Worship Leader:** Steve Bilton    **Preacher:** Douglas Goncalves
- 4 Dec**        **Worship Leader:** Tom Wilson    **Preacher:** Logan Hagoort
- 11 Dec**      **Worship Leader:** Tom Wilson    **Preacher:** Geoff Macpherson

<b>Serving Roster for next Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November</b>						
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<b>SHORE KID'S LEADER</b>	<b>CRECHE</b>	<b>KITCHEN &amp; MORNING TEA</b>	<b>OPEN UP &amp; FIRE WARDEN</b>	<b>HALL SET-UP</b>	<b>HALL TAKE DOWN &amp; CLEAN UP</b>	<b>SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Karen v B. and Debbie Port</b>	<b>Dennis</b>	<b>Dennis, and Justin Port</b>	<b>Dennis, Justin and Volunteers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>

## **Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper**

**Prayer of uncertainty** *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

**Prayer for those searching for truth** *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

**Prayer of belief** *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

**Prayer of commitment** *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

**Prayer for those struggling with sin** *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

**Prayer for the believer** *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*

## **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 our pastor to discuss them.*



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