



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OF NOVEMBER 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 4:11 & 5:9-11<sup>1</sup>

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.

## **Prayer of Confession and Repentance**

### **Corporate Reading - The Preeminence of Christ** Colossians 1:15-20<sup>1</sup>

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

**People** **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.**

**Leader** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together

**People** **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.**

**Leader** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

**ALL** ***and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.***

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

## Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & 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  
*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!*

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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.

## ***How Can I Keep from Singing?***

Author: Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing,  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Saviour liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am his,  
How can I keep from singing?

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

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

**Q4.** What is God?

*God is a spirit, Whose being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable*

## **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** Genesis 3:14-16 (Church Bible p 3)

## **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.  
*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.

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

*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** Revelation 12:1-6 *The Unseen Battle*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

Introduction:

1) The book of revelation

a) Symbology

b) Woman

c) Male child

d) Dragon

2) 1st Characteristic: A hard and long battle sustained by the Church of the Old Testament

3) 2nd Characteristic: The terrible enemies the Church has faced and continue to face in this battle

4) 3rd Characteristic: The sim is the great winner of this battle

5) 4th Characteristic: A battle where the Church will be nourished in perseverance until the final day

## Conclusion

### **Closing Song** *How Great Is Our God*

Author: Chris Tomlin

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.*



Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>** - Revelation 22:21

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

### **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

**Scripture Reading**      Revelation 12:1-6

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<sup>4</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.

## 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.

### Ladies Christmas Brunch

Details are still being finalized; however, we would love for you to save the following date and time in preparation for a lovely time together:

**Date** Saturday, 10 December 2022

### Order of Service and Notices

Karen van Bemmelen is taking care of the Orders of Service and Notices over November and December. If you have any notices, please forward them to her.

### Ministry Calendar for November/December

**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

**Serving Roster for next Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December – Fellowship Lunch**

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	Julie Tupu-South, Nicki Sartori	Paul B.	Dennis, Ben Tupu, Paul Burton	Dennis, Ben Tupu and Volunteers	Volunteers

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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 an elder or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden ([imaburden2@gmail.com](mailto:imaburden2@gmail.com)).



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