



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 4TH OF DECEMBER 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 116:1-9¹

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- ⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- ⁶ The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;
- ⁹ I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have not done those things which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But You, O Lord are merciful.

Forgive us, O Lord, as we confess our faults.

Restore us as we repent, according to Your promises declared to us in
the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Grant, merciful Father, for His sake; that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**²

Assurance of Grace Ezekiel 36:25-28

²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Song of Adoration³ & Praise *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.*

² Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

³Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

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*

I will sing the wondrous story

Words by Francis H. Rowley 1854-1952

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

Days of darkness still come o'er me,
Sorrow's path I often tread
But His presence still is with me;
By His guiding hand I'm led
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over
All my joys in Him complete
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

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 Romans 1:14-25 (Church Bible p 939)

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 (p13) for further information about the offering.

Message Romans 1:17

Title: Revelation of Righteousness

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

- The gospel of God is a glorious message of righteousness.
- How can the revelation of righteousness by good news for the unrighteous?
- It's good news, because the proclamation of the gospel is the announcement of a provision of righteousness that is our acceptance before God.

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 14. If you have questions about these things, please contact one of the Elders.

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper

Jesus I Come

Author: William Sleeper

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Profession of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*⁴

Question 60 *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil; nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart.

Prayer at the Lord's Table

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Closing Song

Jesus Paid It All

Author: Elvina M. Hall

I hear the Saviour say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all."

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"

⁴ The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th Century document designed to teach the biblical faith. A Catechism, meaning "oral instruction", is a helpful means of learning using the method of memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

My lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all,

Jesus paid it all,

All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

(Bridge) *Oh, praise the one who paid my debt,
and raised this life up from the dead (repeat)*

Jesus paid it all,

All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

BENEDICTION⁵

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Romans 1:14-25

⁵ 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 1st Sunday of the month, next: 4th of December, **today**

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

Date Saturday, 10 December 2022

Time 11am – 12.30pm

Location 6 Allender Drive, Torbay

RSPV Sharmini at sharmini.paddick@gmail.com

See flier for further details

There is also a menu sheet on the table by the hall entrance, so the ladies can indicate what they would like to bring, ensuring a variety of food.

Arrival of Thomas Family

We are delighted to inform you that the Thomas family will be arriving on:

Date Wednesday, 7 December 2022

Time 8:45am

Flight American Airlines flight AA35 (Dallas to Auckland)

Assistance needed to help setup a home for the Thomas's

While waiting on their shipment containing their belongings (scheduled to arrive in New Zealand on the 16th of January) they are looking to borrow some items to set up their home temporarily (15th Dec – 16th Jan).

A list is available on the table by the hall entrance. Please contact Ariel if you can provide anything on the list.

Contacting one another

We are assembling a new church directory so we can more easily contact one another. This is for members and regular visitors. For privacy reasons, it will be on an "opt in" basis. Joseph Tan will collate it for us so please email joseph.sc.tan@gmail.com with your details:

- *Name(s)*
- *Family Members (optional - if registering as a family). Include their contact details if different.*
- *Home address (optional)*
- *Home Phone and/or Mobile Phone (provide at least one)*
- *Email (optional)*

You can also fill in a form (available at Church on the table by the hall entrance).

*We'd like to get all the input by end of day **18 Dec** so that we can get the directory out before Christmas. It will be available in PDF and print format, and probably online (with a link required for access).*

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 December

4 Dec **Worship Leader:** Tom Wilson **Preacher:** Logan Hagoort

11 Dec **Worship Leader:** Tom Wilson **Preacher:** Geoff Macpherson

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 11th of December

SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVIS E PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Ingrid Goodenough Grace Ng	Dennis	Dennis van B, Paul Goodenough, and Santos Family	Dennis van B, Paul Goodenough, and Santos Family Volunteers	Volunteers

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⁶ ***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).

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)**

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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