



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 11th OF DECEMBER 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 Isaiah 11:1- 9

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Approach

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Songs of Adoration¹ & Praise

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.

¹Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

Joy to the World!

Words: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David* 1719

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
 And heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Corporate Profession of Faith Luke 1:46-55 *Mary's Song*

Leader And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

People And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Leader He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
People he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;
Leader he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
ALL **He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.”**

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 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (Church Bible p 952)

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.

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.

Message 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The Wisdom of God in the Word of the Cross'

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

1. The Preaching of the cross is folly and weakness to the unsaved (18-25)
2. God chooses the foolish and weak as his people (26-31)
3. We must remain faithful to the wisdom and power of the cross

Closing Praise *Holy Holy Holy*

Author: Reginald Heber

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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Now unto Him
Who is able to keep,
Able to keep you from falling.
And present you faultless,
Before the Presence of His glory,
With exceeding joy.
To the only wise God our Saviour
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever, **Amen.**

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

1. *What does Paul mean by ‘the word of the cross’ (18) and ‘Christ crucified’ (23)? Do you personally believe this?*
2. *Why might people see the cross as folly or weakness?*
3. *Notice the repeated use of phrases like ‘of God’ in contrast to ‘of the wise’, ‘of this age’ and ‘of the world’. Why does Paul speak like this?*
4. *How was the cross a scandal (stumbling block) to the Jews?*
5. *Notice how Paul tells the Corinthians (26-28) that they are ‘weak’ or ‘low born.’ How does this make you feel? How can you invite your friends or family to a church that believes this?*
6. *How do we ensure that we don’t abandon the wisdom and power of God for the wisdom and power of the world?*

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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) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden (imaburden2@gmail.com).

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.

⁴ From the Bible book of Jude, verses 24 and 25

NOTICES

A very warm welcome to the Thomas Family!

We are delighted to welcome Thomas family, who arrived safely from the USA on Wednesday morning.

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: 5th of February

Men's Ministry and Prayer Meeting

These ministries will be in recess until further notice.

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

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

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 18th of December

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	Sophia Burton Dorette Knoeson	Dennis	Dennis and Song Family	Dennis, Song Family and Volunteers	Volunteers

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⁵ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.



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