



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
12<sup>TH</sup> of March, 2023

The Lord's Day

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 evening. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.**

## ***A Note about Children in Worship***

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 19:14). It might be a bit uncommon for children to be in worship for the duration of the service in the broader church today, but we are glad for them to be present. There is little of greater importance than learning to worship our God. Our children learn to worship, not by being absent from worship, but by being in worship. It could be stretching or uncomfortable at times for the congregation, or especially parents of squirming children. But we want to keep the big picture in view, and as a congregation, support and pray for God's Word to take deep root in the hearts of our children, and by His Spirit, produce fruit for His glory. We do not want to tolerate them, or merely keep our children quiet, but help them see and savour Jesus Christ.

## **Call to Worship**     *2 Chronicles 15:2,15 & Psalm 27:4<sup>1</sup>*

If you seek the Lord,  
he will be found by you.

Seek Him and worship Him with all your heart and with all your soul today.

*(Responsive)*

One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.

## **Confession of Sin**     *1 Corinthians 6:15,19,20*

[15] Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? [19] Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, [20] for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

## **Assurance of Grace**     *John 15:3–4*

Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

*Arise My Soul Arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise, my soul, arise  
Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
In my behalf appears;

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

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

Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*Arise, arise, arise,*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Arise, arise, arise,*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

*Arise, arise, arise,*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Arise, arise, arise,*

*Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

## **My Worth is Not in What I Own**

*Authors: Keith and Kristyn Getty & Graham Kendrick*

My worth is not in what I own  
My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross

*(Chorus)*

I rejoice in my redeemer  
Greatest treasure  
Wellspring of my soul  
And I will trust in him, no other  
My soul is satisfied in him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us  
At the cross  
I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
At the cross

*(Chorus)*

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed, my ransom paid  
At the cross

*(Chorus) (2x)*

## **Confession of Faith**      *New City Catechism Q & A 30<sup>3</sup>*

Q. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

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<sup>3</sup> The New City Catechism is a modern Reformed catechism formed from the Westminster Shorter Catechism and the Heidelberg Catechism.

## Dedication of offering and prayer for children <sup>4</sup>

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 for further information about the offering.

**Scripture Reading**      *1 Kings 8:12-30*      (*Church Bible p. 288*)

**Pastoral Prayer**      (*Pray the Lord's Prayer together at the end of the 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.

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever, Amen.”

## Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Author: Reginald Heber

Holy, Holy, Holy

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!

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### **4 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)).

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

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 pow'r, 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!

**Scripture Reading** John 2:12-22 (Church Bible p.887)

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Message** John 2:12-22 *“The Scriptures and a New Temple”*

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

Believe and have life:

- Through the Scriptures
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- In a New Temple (Jesus)

## Song of Response

### *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Author: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He, the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the Light of Life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He, the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ, the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death, the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope



Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes

What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes

**BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**      *Deuteronomy 33:27*

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

**Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

**Scripture Reading**      John 2:12-22

- 1) What role did the Old Testament Scriptures play in the disciples coming to understand the significance of the person and work of Jesus? How do we see that in this passage?
- 2) How would you describe the relationship between the OT and NT? What Scriptures would you use to support your view?
- 3) What was the function of the temple in Judaism? How did/does Jesus replace and surpass this function?
- 4) The place of worship and worship itself was corrupted by the traders. What threatens the corruption of your worship today?
- 5) What practical affect does it have upon you that Jesus is the temple; our meeting place with God?

**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

<sup>5</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.

## Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 2nd of April

## Prayer Meeting – Sundays, 10am

While we are away from Long Bay Primary, the church is invited to pray together at the Thomas family's home. If you need the address, ask Pastor Russell.

## Worship Next Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ Long Bay Baptist Church at 3pm

Please note we will meet at Long Bay Baptist Church for worship next Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, **at 3pm**. The address is 282 Glenvar Road, Torbay. (Access to Glenvar Road has been limited due to a slip, so you might have a small detour.)

## Church Picnic—March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11 at Long Bay Beach

We will fellowship and (Lord willing) enjoy good weather and food together on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Long Bay Regional Park. Please bring your own food and beverage.

## Notices

Please send notices to Pastor Russell at [russellshorepres@gmail.com](mailto:russellshorepres@gmail.com) or 0224123460.

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March

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	Grace Ng And Nicki Sartori	Dennis	Dennis And Burton Family	Dennis, Burton Family and Volunteers	N/A

**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 Russell our pastor to discuss them.*



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