



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,
11th of February, 2024

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 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.

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

Psalm 96:7-8

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Invocation ¹

Song of Adoration & Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

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 rushing 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!

¹ An invocation is simply a prayer that calls upon God's presence, assistance, and blessing during worship.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Sin *Exodus 20:2-3, Ezra 9:6*

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

Assurance of Grace *Psalm 103:8–14*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grace

Song of Thanksgiving for Grace

How Great Thou Art

Author: Carl Gustav Boberg

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed,

(Chorus)

Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
(Chorus)

And when I think of God, his son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin,
(Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim "My God how great Thou art!"
(Chorus)

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 5

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Pastoral Prayer with Dedication of Offering

This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Although 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.

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. Please see footnote for further information about the offering.²

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 (treasurer@shorepres.org.nz).

Profession of Faith and Reception of New Members (Vows)

Marcos, Edenise, Vinicius, Lucas, Stephanie, and Andre Santos

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavour to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

**For now, Marcos will become an associate member of Shore Pres since his ordination remains in Brazil.*

Song of Preparation for Hearing God's Word

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Author: Matt Papa

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*

Kids Message and Prayer for our children

Prayer of Illumination

Message Exodus 33:12-34:10 *“Show Me Your Glory”*
Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

As God's people seek to behold his glory they are:

- Confronted and challenged ...

- With His Mercy and Grace,

- As a covenant-keeping God,

- Who is with his people.

Song of Response

The Lord is my Salvation

Authors: Keith and Kristyn Getty

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on the solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid, and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He fulfills each promise of His word
When winter fades, I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know his grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God, the Father
Glory be to God, the Son
Glory be to God, the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

BENEDICTION³

Ephesians 3:16,19

According to the riches of the Father's glory, may you be strengthened with power through his Spirit and know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all the fullness of God.

Questions for Contemplation or Discussion

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-34:10

1. When the Lord proclaims his glory, what seems to be his chief theme? What might be surprising about this?
2. What does Isaiah 55:6-9 show us about God's actual love and compassion, versus, our expectation of Him?
3. What does the contrast between his steadfast love for *thousands* and his visiting iniquity to the *third or fourth* generation display?
4. How does the revelation of God's glory here find its fullest expression in Christ?

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Glenfield

When Every Tuesday, 7:30–9:00 pm
Where **Check with the contact person!**
Contact Tom Wilson 027 785 1332 or glenfieldgroup@shorepres.org.nz

Torbay/Browns Bay

When Every Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm,
Where **17A Tainui St, Torbay**
Contact Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980 or torbaygroup@shorepres.org.nz

Lord's Supper and Shared Meal (today)

When: next: 3rd of March (first Sunday of every month)

Meeting Regarding Little Ones in Worship – 25th February, after church

With the Lord graciously adding more little ones to our body, it would be helpful to have a discussion regarding their place in worship, and needs of parents with little ones. This meeting is primarily geared toward those with little ones (under 5), but is open to all.

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.

Prayer Meeting—Fortnightly at the Goodenoughs, Sundays at 7:00pm

Our regular prayer meeting is fortnightly at the Goodenoughs home in Torbay. The next two will be the 18th of February, and 3rd of March.

Church Picnic – Sunday, 18th February after church at Long Bay (next Sunday)

Please mark your calendars for a church picnic at Long Bay. Everyone will be responsible to bring their own food and drink. This will be a rather informal time. If everyone could help close the hall relatively soon after worship, we can head over sooner. We will look to gather in the vicinity of the playground, hopefully under some shade. If you have a canopy that could be used, it would likely be helpful.

Church Retreat—15-17th of March—Houghton’s Bush Camp, Muriwai

Praise God for the opportunity of a Church Retreat! *See details below.* Go to the sign-up link online to sign-up: <https://forms.gle/Ph1zjys4tyJi1jBc6>

When: 4:30 Friday - 3:00 Sunday, 15th-17th of March (We are allowed usage during this time. More specific times will be available soon.)

Where: Houghton's Bush Camp (75 Motutara Road, Muriwai Beach)

Retreat Focus: Discipleship & Personal Ministry

Cost & Payment: \$60/person. This includes food and lodging for the whole weekend. This is priced at a loss for the church. If you would like to give more to offset cost, please do so when making payment. You can make a payment for the retreat through bank transfer. Please designate family name and “retreat.” The Shore Presbyterian Church bank account number is 12-3059-0631003-00.

(*We never want money to be a hindrance, so please let one of the elders or deacons know if you or your family could use help from the church.) *Although we hope that everyone attends for the whole weekend, we realize this may not be possible for all. The day rate is \$30 / person. *Children under 5 are free.

Speaker: Pastor Russell will serve as the main speaker for the weekend, seeking to unfold church vision for the next stage of Shore Pres. Others will likely contribute as well.

Sign Up: *The deadline was Feb. 4, but you can still sign-up, however. Please do so today,* using the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/Ph1zjys4tyJi1jBc6> .

More details: We hope that it will be a very fun time to help our church deepen in the Word, in fellowship, and in unity of vision. It is likely that a few friends of the Thomases from the States will visit to help prepare for, and serve at the retreat. Exact weekend schedule will be available closer to the date. **Friends from outside our church body are also very welcome, so long as they generally understand and comply with the aim of the weekend.*

Serving Opportunities: Food, setup, after camp clean up, help with babies and kids, music. Please indicate on the sign-up form if there is an area you are interested to help with.

Accommodation: There are 86 beds in total, among 15 rooms, so there should be plenty of space. (Tent camping is available if you prefer.) We will do our best to place family members in one room together, especially young families.

Questions: Contact Pastor Russell: 0224123460 or russellshorepres@gmail.com

Women’s Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00pm, continuing fortnightly

Sarah is leading a women’s Bible study, taking a more in-depth, verse by verse look at the Gospel of John. It meets at the Thomas home, and all women are invited. The next one is the 21st of February.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 18th of February

SHORE KID’S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & AFTERNOON TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Debbie & Grace	Dennis	Dennis & Thomas Family	Dennis, Thomas Fam, Volunteers	N/A



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