



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
4<sup>th</sup> of February, 2024

The Lord's Day

Lord's Supper Service

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 63:2-4*

Look upon the Lord in the sanctuary, beholding his power and glory. Because his steadfast love is better than life, let your lips praise him. Bless him as long as you live; in his name, lift up your hands.

## Invocation <sup>1</sup>

### Song of Adoration & Praise

#### *See What A Morning*

*Authors: Kieth & Kristin Getty*

See, what a morning, gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen"

*See God's salvation plan  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ, the man  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again

*The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

One with the Father, Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority  
*And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead*

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

## **Confession of Sin**

*Isaiah 6:4-5*

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

## **Assurance of Grace**

*Isaiah 6:6-7*

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin is atoned for."

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grace**

### **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.<sup>2</sup>

### **Song of Preparation for Hearing God's Word**

#### *God and God alone*

*Author: Steve Green*

God and God alone  
Created all these things we call our own  
From the mighty to the small  
The glory of them all  
Is God's and God's alone

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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)).

God and God alone  
Reveals the truth of all we call unknown  
And all the best and worst of man  
Won't change the Master's plan  
It's God's and God's alone

God and God alone  
Is fit to take the universe's throne  
Let ev'rything that lives  
Reserve its truest praise  
For God and God alone

God and God alone  
Will be the joy of our eternal home  
He will be our one desire  
Our hearts will never tire  
Of God and God alone

God and God alone  
Reveals the truth of all we call unknown  
And all the best and worst of man  
Won't change the Master's plan  
It's God's and God's alone  
*(Repeat)*

## **Kids Message and Prayer for our children**

### **Scripture Reading**

*(Church Bible p.571)*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

## **Message**      *Isaiah 6:1-8*    “To Behold & Proclaim the King’s Glory”

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

To “learn life with Jesus” the church must:

- Behold the King’s glory.
  
- Proclaim the King’s glory.

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

### **Institution of the Lord’s Supper**

*Matthew 26:26-29*

### **Confession of Faith**

*Apostles Creed* <sup>3</sup>

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

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<sup>3</sup> The Apostles’ Creed dates to the time shortly after Jesus’ apostles and expresses the core tenets of the faith, held and taught by Jesus’ apostles.

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.<sup>4</sup>

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

Amen.

## **Prayer at the Lord's Table**

### ***(Song of Reflection)***

*(While the elements are served use this song to reflect & quietly draw near to the Lord.)*

### ***Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus***

*Author: Robert Lowry*

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
*Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
*Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,*

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<sup>4</sup> There is admittedly some confusion about this phrase in the creed. Calvin and other Reformers affirmed its place and usage. It's best understood to mean that Christ underwent not only a bodily death but experienced the fullness of God's wrath in order to appease and satisfy his justice. In this way he "descended into hell."

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

### **Song of Response**

*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! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, <sup>5</sup>  
Who was, and is, and evermore will 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 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!

### **BENEDICTION<sup>6</sup>**

*Psalms 67:1-2*

May God be gracious to you and bless you and make his face to shine upon you,  
that his way may be known on earth, his saving power among all nations.

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<sup>5</sup> Cherubim and seraphim refer to two types of angelic beings described in the Bible.

<sup>6</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.



## Questions for Contemplation or Discussion

### Scripture Reading *Isaiah 6:1-8*

1. What are common (but erroneous) conceptions of the purpose of the church? Why do they fall short?
2. Why is living a *costly* life of discipleship necessary? Where do you get motivation for living a *costly* life of discipleship?
3. How do we behold the King's glory now since we likely won't have the sort of vision of Isaiah?
4. Who is "us" in v.8? What significance does this have?
5. What is Isaiah's motivation to say, "Here I am! Send me?"

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:torbaygroup@shorepres.org.nz)

### Lord's Supper and Shared Meal (today)

**When:** next: 3<sup>rd</sup> of March (first Sunday of every month)

### Prayer Meeting—Fortnightly at the Goodenoughs, Sundays at 7:00pm (today)

Our regular prayer meeting is fortnightly at the Goodenoughs home in Torbay. The next three will be the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of February, and 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.

### Church Retreat—15-17<sup>th</sup> 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:** Please sign up by Feb. 4, using the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/Ph1zjys4tyJi1jBc6> . (The sooner you're able to sign up, the more helpful it will be for planning.)

**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](mailto:russellshorepres@gmail.com)

**Women’s Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00pm, continuing fortnightly (this week)**

Sarah is leading a women’s Bible study, taking a more in-depth, verse by verse look at the Gospel of John. All women are invited. The next two are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of February.

**Serving Roster for next Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> 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	Dorette & Ingrid	Dennis	Dennis & Paul	Dennis, Paul, & Volunteers	N/A

## **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.*



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