



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024

The Lord's Day

Baptismal 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.*** 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.

***New to Shore Pres?*** ***Our hope is to "learn life with Jesus through beholding and proclaiming the King's glory."*** We recognise that churches have varying worship styles and identities, and that some things about our specific church may be new or different for you. Our "basic commitments," near the back of the bulletin, provide an introduction to our church. If you have questions about anything, our pastor or others involved in the service, would be glad to answer your questions.

**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. *However, since we realize that helping little ones in worship can be difficult, there is an additional room available for parents with little ones to use during the service as needed.*

## Call to Worship

*Jude 1:24-25*

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## 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 Faith**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism 17*

Q. What happened to man in the fall?

A. Man fell into a condition of sin and misery.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Deuteronomy 10:12-13,16*

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD which I am commanding you today for your good?

... Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

## **Assurance of Grace**

*Ezekiel 36:26-27*

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

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grace**

### **Song of Thanksgiving for Grace**

*Nothing But The Blood*

*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

*(Chorus)*

*O 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

*(Chorus)*

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*(Chorus)*

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

## **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>

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

**Reading of Scripture**     *John 17:6-19*     *(Church Bible p.903)*

## **Prayer of Illumination**

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### ***2 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).

**Message**      John 17:6-19      *“Kept in Christ Amidst the World”*

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

**Big Idea:** Jesus’ vulnerable disciples are kept in Him amidst the world through:

- His Prayer (Jesus as priest)
  
- His Name (Jesus as king)
  
- His Word (Jesus as prophet)

## **Baptism**

### *Words of Institution*

### *Vows of the parents of Sol Wilson*

- Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
  
- Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
  
- Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavour to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### *Vow of the congregation*

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## Song of Response

### *Salvation's Song*

*Authors: Stuart Townend & Andrew Small*

Loved before the dawn of time  
Chosen by my Maker  
Hidden in my Saviour  
I am His and He is mine  
Cherished for eternity

When I'm stained with guilt and sin  
He is there to lift me  
Heal me and forgive me  
Gives me strength to stand again  
Stronger than I was before

*(Chorus)*

*(So) with ev'ry breath that I am given  
I will sing salvation's song  
And I'll join the chorus of creation  
Giving praise to Christ alone*

All the chains of Satan's curse  
Lifted through His offering  
Satisfied through suffering  
All the blessings He deserves  
Poured on my unworthy soul

*(Chorus)*

*(So) with ev'ry breath that I am given  
I will sing salvation's song  
And I'll join the chorus of creation  
Giving praise to Christ alone*

Singing glory honour wisdom power  
To the Lamb upon the throne  
Hallelujah I will lift Him high  
Singing glory honour wisdom power

To the Lamb upon the throne  
Hallelujah I will sing

*(Chorus)*

*(So) with ev'ry breath that I am given  
I will sing salvation's song  
And I'll join the chorus of creation  
Giving praise to Christ alone*

Stars will fade and mountains fall  
Christ will shine forever  
Love's unfading splendour  
Earth and heaven will bow in awe  
Joining in salvation's song

### **Benediction<sup>3</sup>**                      *Hebrews 6:18-20*

May you hold fast to the hope set before you, having a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on your behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

## **Questions for Contemplation or Discussion**

### **Scripture Reading**

John 17:6-19

1. Why are Jesus' disciples vulnerable amidst the world? Do you identify with their vulnerability?
2. In light of their vulnerability, what effect does Jesus' prayer have for his disciples?
3. How are Jesus' disciples sanctified? (v.17) How have you experienced this in your own life?
4. Knowing the sanctifying power of God's Word, how should this affect our attitude toward God's Word?
5. How is Jesus' name a means of protecting and preserving his disciples amidst the world?

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<sup>3</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.



## NOTICES

### DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

As a church, we hope to encourage growth in discipleship through various discipleship group opportunities. Currently, we have 4 opportunities to grow in the Word and in fellowship throughout the week. Please contact the point person below according to each opportunity. If you have general questions, ask one of the elders.

#### Glenfield Co-Ed Group

**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 Co-Ed Group

**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)

#### Men’s Small Groups

**When** Fortnightly; meeting time at the discretion of each group.  
**Where** **Location – Determined by Group**  
**Contact** Russell Thomas 0224123460

#### Women’s Bible Study

**When** Wednesdays, Fortnightly, 7:00-9:00 pm (next: 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 12<sup>th</sup> of June)  
**Where** **40 Mahoney Drive, Albany**  
**Contact** Sarah Thomas 0224123495

#### Lord’s Supper and Shared Meal (next week)

**When:** next: 2<sup>nd</sup> of June (first Sunday of every month)

#### Prayer Meeting—Fortnightly, Sundays at 7:00pm

The next one, 2 June, will be at the Burton’s home in Torbay.

#### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June

AFTERNOON TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP
Debbie & Grace	Dennis	Dennis & Santos Family	Dennis, Santos Family & Volunteers

**Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest  
(more available on the website: [shorepres.org.nz](http://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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