



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
21<sup>st</sup> of July, 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.*** 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

*Psalm 99:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! <sup>4</sup>The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup>Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

## Invocation <sup>1</sup>

### Song of Adoration & Praise

#### *By Faith*

Authors: Keith and Kristyn Getty.

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth

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

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

### ***Before The Throne Of God Above***

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me.  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by his blood;

My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

## **Confession of Faith**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism 23*

Q. How is Christ our redeemer?

A. As our redeemer, Christ is a prophet, priest, and king in both His humiliation and His exaltation.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Rom 3:10-12,19-20*

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

## **Assurance of Grace**

*Rom 3:21-25*

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grace**

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

#### *The Servant King*

*Author: Graham Kendrick*

From heaven you came, Helpless babe  
Entered our world, Your glory veiled  
Not to be served, but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, the Servant King*

*He calls us now to follow Him*

*To bring our lives as a daily offering*

*Of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said  
*This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King*

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered  
*This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King*

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving  
*This is our God, the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King*

## **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

## Prayer of Illumination

**Reading of Scripture**     *John 20:11-18*     (*Church Bible p.906*)

## **Message** John 20:11-18

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

Mary Magdalene

Resurrection

Don't Touch

## **Song of Response**

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (Easter Hymn)*

*Author: Charles Wesley & Samuel Arnold*

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia

Sons of men and angels say alleluia

Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia

Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia

Where O death is now thy sting alleluia

Once he died our souls to save alleluia

Where's thy victory boasting grave alleluia

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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](mailto:treasurer@shorepres.org.nz)).

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia  
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia  
Christ hath opened paradise alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia  
Following our exalted Head alleluia  
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia  
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

### **Benediction<sup>3</sup>**                      *Hebrew 13:20-21*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

### **Questions for Contemplation or Discussion**

**Scripture Reading**

John 20:11-18

### **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)

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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.



### **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: to be confirmed – second half August)  
**Where** 40 Mahoney Drive, Albany  
**Contact** Sarah Thomas 0224123495

### **Lord's Supper and Shared Meal**

**When:** next: 4<sup>th</sup> of August (first Sunday of every month)

### **"Kiwi Connections" – Great Outreach Opportunity!**

The Chaplain's office at Massey University is offering our church a phenomenal outreach opportunity, by hosting an international student for a meal. If you are interested, start by reading the "Kiwi Connections – Guidelines and Conditions" sheet. If you wish to apply, fill out the application form and give it to Marcos. Marcos will email the forms to Massey. If you have any questions, talk to Marcos, Tom, or Paul B.

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

The next one will be at the Goodenough's home in Torbay, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. Please ask if you need the address.

### **Prayer and Fasting – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July at Covenant Church, Manurewa.**

Covenant Church in Manurewa is hosting a week of prayer and fasting this week, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> of July. If you would like to join in person they will gather from **7:30-9:00pm** each evening, where there will be sermons from Andrew Young, Andre Bay, Geoff Macpherson, and Logan Hagoort.

You can pray and fast even if you can't attend the gatherings. For more information see: <https://www.covenantchurch.org.nz/post/a-week-of-prayer-and-fasting>

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 28<sup>st</sup> of July

AFTERNOON TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP
Ingrid & Nicki	Dennis	Dennis & Paul G.	Dennis, Paul G, & 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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