



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,
23rd of June, 2024

The Lord's Day

Profession of Faith &
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

Revelation 5:12 & Isaiah 6:3 (Responsive)

(Call): Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! To him be power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

(Response): Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

Invocation ¹

Song of Adoration & Praise

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*

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

*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*

Confession of Sin *Isaiah 53:6*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Assurance of Grace *Isaiah 53:3-5,7*

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed ... He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grace

Song of Thanksgiving for Grace

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Authors: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick

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
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)

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

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

(Chorus)

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 20

Q. Did God leave all mankind to die in sin and misery?

A. From all eternity and merely because it pleased Him, God chose some to have everlasting life. These He freed from sin and misery by a covenant of grace and brought them to salvation by a redeemer.

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

Kids Message and Prayer for our children

Reading of Scripture *John 19:1-16a* (*Church Bible p.905*)

Prayer of Illumination

Message John 19:1-16a *“Shame Becomes Salvation”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

Big Idea: Christ turns shame into salvation by:

- Bearing our shame as the True King
- Becoming our healing through his wounds
- Bearing our sin as the Passover Lamb

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).

Welcoming into Church Membership – *The Ballantyne Family Profession of Faith & Taking of Vows—Stephen, Gemma, Elijah*

Vows of New Members

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope, except 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 strive 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 pursue its purity and peace?

Prayer

Words of Institution of Baptism

Baptism into Communing Membership – Elijah Ballantyne

Baptism into Non-Communing Membership—Jacob & Levi Ballantyne

Vows of the Parents

- Do you acknowledge the need of your children of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their 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 strive to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them 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?

Administration of Baptism

Song of Response

Worthy Is the Lamb

Author: Darlene Zschech

Thank you for the cross Lord
Thank you for the price you paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love you came and gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love Lord
Thank you for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in your cleansing flow
Now all I know your forgiveness and embrace

*Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown you now with many crowns
You reign victorious*

*High and lifted up
Jesus, Son of God
Ruler of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb*

(REPEAT ALL)

Benediction³ *Ephesians 3:17-19*

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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.

Questions for Contemplation or Discussion

Scripture Reading

John 19:1-16a

1. What is shame? How is it such a negative force?
2. Why did Pilate crucify Jesus even though he found him not guilty and desired to release him?
3. What is the biblical significance of the Passover Lamb? How is this fulfilled in Christ?
4. What does “by his wounds we are healed,” tell us about the nature of the atonement?
5. How does the nature of the atonement give you assurance and confidence in your salvation?

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

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

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: 26th of June)
Where **40 Mahoney Drive, Albany**
Contact Sarah Thomas 0224123495

Lord’s Supper and Shared Meal

When: next: 7th of July (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, 30th of June. Please ask if you need the address.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 30th of June

AFTERNOON TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP
Ingrid & Grace	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)

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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