



## Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church, Taupo

*"In Christ alone, we follow, serve and reach out."*

**Are you New to Church?** We understand that attending 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 attend 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.**

### ORDER OF SERVICE – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

#### MEETING, GREETING & WELCOME

##### **Call to Worship: Psalm 50:1-6<sup>1</sup>**

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

##### **Prayer – Approach, Adoration<sup>2</sup>, confession of sin and repentance.**

##### **Corporate prayer of assurance and thanksgiving Psalm 46**

**Leader** God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.

**People** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

**Leader** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**People** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**Leader** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**People** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

**Leader** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**People** **Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

**Leader** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**ALL** ***"Be still, and know that I am God.***

***I will be exalted among the nations,***

***I will be exalted in the earth!"***

***The Lord of hosts is with us;***

***the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

<sup>2</sup> Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

### **Songs of Adoration & Praise:**

- God of every Grace - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa
- There Is One Gospel - CityAlight

### **Corporate Profession of Faith** New City Catechism <sup>3</sup>

Question 6. *How can we glorify God?*

Answer: We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and obeying his will, commands and law.

*[References: Deuteronomy 11:1 You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. & 2 Thessalonians 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ].*

### **Pastoral Prayer.**

This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Though 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 practice love and care for one another.

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 25:31- 46 & James 2:14-26

### **Dedication of offering and prayer for the children and the Message.**

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 the endnote for further information about the offering. <sup>[1]</sup>

### **Message: James Series Title: “The Wisdom of Jesus Applied”**

**#6 – James 2:14-26. “Can your faith alone save you?”**

### **Open discussion and Questions**

### **A Song in response to the Word:**

- O Church Arise - Keith & Kristyn Getty

### **BENEDICTION** <sup>4</sup>

Hebrews 13:20-21 *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

### **Notices:**

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. 7:30-9pm. *DEEPER* Bible Study & Prayer Meeting – Location tba.

### **Contact Us:**

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### <sup>[1]</sup> **Grace Presbyterian Church Taupo - 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 Grace Taupo, please talk with our Church Treasurer Peter for more information.

The Grace Presbyterian Church Taupo bank account number is 02-0428-0326706-000.

Or, if you wish to contribute, you could use the offering box at the back table.

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<sup>3</sup> The *New City Catechism* (Crossway Publishing. 2017) is based on and adapted from Calvin’s Geneva Catechism, the Westminster Longer & Shorter Catechisms and especially the Heidelberg Catechism. A Catechism, meaning “oral instruction”, is a helpful means of learning Gospel truths using the method of memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

<sup>4</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.